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CAR CRASHES INTO FRONT OF STORE

REPORT BY CARL JACKSON

A CAR ploughed into the front of a Cannock discount store forcing the shop to close for several hours.

The incident caused damage to stock, fixtures and fittings inside Home Bargains at Wyrley Brook Park, off Vine Lane.

Fortunately no-one in the car or in the shop was injured in the incident which happened during opening hours.

Two people were in the car and there were a number of customers as well as staff inside the store when the car struck at 10am on Monday. The shop was able to reopen later the same day but repairs have been ongoing this week.

The crashed car *Pic: Sandra Priest*

The incident was quickly shared on social media with reports of a ram-raid having taken place but police have confirmed it was an accident.

Home Bargains said it was still assessing the cost of the damage. Gary Carter, area manager, said: "We had to close the store and make sure it was safe to open structurally, so we were advised to shut it.

"We have still got repairs going on but we were able to open up yesterday night (Monday).

"The wall came through onto the shop floor, hitting stock, fixtures and fittings," Mr Carter added.

"We haven't had chance to assess the full extent of the damage. As far as we are aware, no-one was injured or struck.

"It was obviously a bit of a shock – one minute the staff were working, then the next the wall started coming towards them."

Pictures were shared on Facebook of the car which was partly in a parking space and partially embedded in the wall with the brickwork badly damaged. A spokeswoman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said: "We were called at 10am, and one ambulance attended.

"Both occupants were out of the car on arrival. No-one was injured."

A spokesman for Staffordshire Police said: "We had a call at 10.26am.

"It looked like an Audi A1 has somehow managed to get itself into the wall of the shop.

"It was stuck there for a bit and it was closed off by a structural engineer," the spokesman added. "Insurance details were exchanged.

"No arrests were made as no crime took place. It was accidental."

ANNUAL 10K RACE RUNS UP CHARITY FUNDS

Some of the 150-plus runners on the streets of Cannock Chase for the annual Rotary Club 10k

MORE than 150 runners pounded the roads around The Chase for the Cannock Rotary Club 10km run.

The eighth annual event took the athletes around an accurately measured course, starting and finishing at Marquis Drive.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling set the runners on their way on a crisp autumn morning.

Rotarian Geoff Clegg said the conditions were ideal for the runners. "It was a beautiful day which was perfect for running. The weather was not too hot and not too cold," he said. More than £1,000 was raised for local charities.

Many club runners, from the likes of Rugeley Runners, Chase Harriers and Wolverhampton & Bilston AC, took part.

First across the line was Ben Skelton in 35 minutes and 27 seconds, ahead of Matthew Woodman, of Stafford Harriers, and Bruce Fanshawe. First female home was Charlotte Beddow in 45:46. She was 18th to finish overall and more than two minutes ahead of closest rival Val Carter of Birchfield Harriers. Dorota Brynkiewicz was third woman home.

Trophies were given out to the first three male and female athletes, with prizes for age category winners. Everyone completing the race was given a goody bag, which included a commemorative medal.

Work has already started to organise next year's event.

INJURY

No laughing matter as comedian Chris suffers head wound

BEING a comedian proved a dangerous profession for Staffordshire-born Chris Stokes who is currently on tour with Milton Jones. Chris, from Great Wyrley, found himself in hospital with a head wound recently after cutting his head on a lighting rig at Ipswich Regent theatre.

A bandaged Chris Stokes

He said: "I only went and sliced my head open on a lighting rig.

"Surprisingly it didn't really hurt. I knew I'd hit my head but didn't know how badly until the horrified venue staff watched the blood pour out of the wound. The upshot was that I went and got nine staples in my head. I still made it back to the theatre by the end of the show though."

He was worried that he would have to perform the next gig with bandages.

"Luckily I didn't, but it would have been interesting," Chris said.

"The audience would have been forgiven for thinking that Milton Jones was now being supported by Dobby the House Elf."

Supporting Milton Jones, Chris appeared at both Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Dudley Town Hall recently.

The tour comes to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on February 11.

STATISTICS

Hate crime up by a third in one year

HATE crime has increase by a third in the Cannock Chase district in one year.

There were 116 incidents between October 2016 and October this year compared with 88 in the 12 months prior to that.

The issue is set to be discussed by Cannock Chase Council's housing, crime and partnerships scrutiny committee today (Thursday).

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Rock legend right at home in city

Robert Plant on stage

REVIEW: Robert Plant
Wolverhampton Civic Hall

GREAT to see two Midland rock icons back together – Robert Plant and Wolves Civic. The legends are in action again, both the venue and the Black Country's homegrown rock god.

There is always something special about a Plant gig in Wolverhampton. They were queuing back to Queen Square to get into this sold out concert.

The former Led Zeppelin frontman even had his Auntie Gwen in the audience, who he thanked for taking him to the Gaumont to see such acts as Bo Diddley, the Everly Brothers and some young band called The Rolling Stones. "I didn't like them," he quipped.

There is a certain wistfulness about Plant's new album Carry Fire, reflected in his comment to the audience: "Three score and nine is a funny place to be."

No longer the snake-hipped Adonis, more elder statesman, but he is always looking forward rather than surviving on past glories. Long-time fans may bemoan the diminishing likelihood of another Led Zep reunion but they can enjoy plenty of compensation in the stomping folk-rock of his band The Sensational Space Shifters, here boosted by the inclusion of top folk singer and fiddler Seth Lakeman, who became an honorary Space Shifter after his support set. The two guitarists, Skin Tyson and Justin Adams, were exceptional.

Plant did turn the clock back to 1970 for the ballad That's The Way from Led Zeppelin III. Other Led Zep classics followed, Gallows Pole and Misty Mountain Hop in a set marked by some outstanding covers. It had to end with an epic and so the fans were treated to Whole Lotta Love as the final encore.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Jail sentence suspended for £53,000 fraudster

A FRAUDSTER has dodged immediate jail for pocketing almost £53,000 in a benefits fiddle – 16 years after being locked up for a similar crime. Michael Tindill was jailed for six months in 2001.

The 43-year-old maintained that it took him 20 minutes to walk 50 yards because of medical conditions, despite having a job.

He made the statement when filling in a claim form in October 2008, nine months after starting as a full-time dealership support technician with Kwik Fit, a post he held until January 2010. Two years later he became an assistant manager with Formula One Autocentres in Stafford.

Michael Tindill

He later worked in an identical post with Mr Tyres from May 2014 and was still working there when he was discovered.

Tindill of St Johns Road, Cannock, admitted illegally claiming disability living allowance, incapacity benefit, income support and employment support allowance totalling £52,949 at various times between January 2008 and June 2015.

Film secretly shot during a Department of Work and Pensions investigation showed that the work he had been doing with three different employers was totally at odds with someone barely able to walk.

However, Stafford Crown Court heard that Tindill suffers from long-standing genuine medical complaints and could have legitimately claimed £17,000 in benefits.

His defence counsel also argued that prison would have a serious effect on his 12-year-old daughter for whom he is sole carer. The court heard Tindill has been voluntarily repaying the debt for the last two years. He was sentenced to 15 months, suspended for 12 months and put under a curfew. Judge Gosling said mitigation was compelling so he would suspend the sentence.

Prue plays it by the book at hall

Prue Leith, left, and Caroline Sandon the Countess of Harrowby during the literary event at Sandon Hall

GREAT British Bake Off judge Prue Leith spoke with fans at a literary event held at an historic hall.

The food expert and writer, who caused controversy when she accidentally revealed the winner of the programme via Twitter before the final episode aired, was a special invited guest of Caroline Sandon, the Countess of Harrowby, to her Sandon Hall home near Stafford.

Caroline is also a writer and the pair spent time discussing their craft with book lovers, as well as signing copies of their work.

The pair also discussed the process of writing and getting published as well as the inspiration behind their novels, and held a Q&A session.

Caroline Sandon said: "Prue has been a great friend for many years, and I thought who better to join me for a literary event?

"We wanted the event to be much more than just a book signing," she added.

Delight for school over outstanding Ofsted rating

DELIGHTED staff and pupils at Maple Hayes Dyslexia School in Lichfield are celebrating after receiving a glowing Ofsted report that rated the school as 'outstanding' in all areas.

Lead inspector Sandy Hayes praised the school for its unique approach to teaching and the staff's commitment to making sure pupils thrive regardless of learning ability.

She wrote: "Inspectors agree that pupils benefit tremendously from their time at the school. The success of the school is due to the vision, expertise, determination and hard work of the proprietors and headteacher.

"Parents describe Maple Hayes as 'an answer to prayer'. They say that, from the moment they start at the school, their children's lives and those of their families are turned around."

The school was deemed 'outstanding' in the four main categories – effectiveness of leadership and management (including governance and safeguarding), quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, and outcomes for pupils.

Headteacher Dr Daryl Brown said: "We have a long history of receiving 'outstanding' results and this latest report is a testament to the tremendous work by both our staff and pupils who always strive for excellence."

Centre gets in festive spirit

STAFF and traders at Brewery Street Shopping Centre in Rugeley have been making final preparations for the start of their Christmas festivities tomorrow (Friday).

The launch coincides with the town's lights switch-on ceremony and other festive events.

Santa will be in his grotto where children can meet him and have a photograph and gift.

The centre will be open until 8pm tomorrow and then 6pm every Friday and Saturday until Christmas.

"The cafe will be serving gorgeous treats, there are special Christmassy things going on throughout the season so why not come down and have lots of fun, we all look forward to seeing you," a spokesman for the centre said.

Talk by historian

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society will welcome performance historian John S White to their meeting on Thursday at 7.30pm. Admission is £1.

He will give a talk at the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, on 'Christmas with Mr Samuel Adams'.

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More care at home plan ready to go ahead

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to deliver more care in communities are set to be given the green light.

NHS England says it will approve Staffordshire's Better Care Fund (BCF) – as long as further improvements are made to the rate of delayed transfers of care from hospital.

The county has been earmarked £19.5 million this year as part of the fund, which aims to support more people in their homes and their communities, rather than in hospitals.

Councillor Alan White, the county council's deputy leader and cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "Making sure people are cared for in their homes and communities rather than in hospitals is a key priority for both the county council and our NHS partners.

"NHS England has now accepted our Better Care Fund plan which will allow us to invest in services to help more people leave hospital as soon as they are fit and well enough to safely do so. With winter yet to bite, there are challenging times ahead."

Earlier this year, county council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said it was crucial the authority received the cash. Alongside the leaders of Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall councils, he signed a letter to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt urging him to help avert disaster by approving the BCF funding.

Work to now start on Rapida project

WORK on the latest unit at a county council-developed business park in Cannock will now get under way after being granted planning approval.

The 102,000 sq ft Rapida development at Kingswood Lakeside is being marketed for manufacturing or logistics and is set to be available for occupation next year.

It is being built by Midlands-based Trebor Developments and funding partner Kay Properties (Midlands).

Bob Tattrie, managing partner for Trebor Development, said: "The new development at Cannock will provide quality industrial premises in an area with excellent motorway access. Over 700,000 sq ft of larger industrial, premises are currently being developed in the immediate location."

Trip fundraiser

A CHRISTMAS fair will be held at the Pear Tree Club in Rugeley tomorrow (Friday) at 7pm. It is a fundraiser for an expedition by Hart School students Teigan Castree and Jessica Archer to Ecuador. Admission is free.

MP finds his new role all shipshape

Capt Jerry Kyd, left, with Mr Williamson on board HMS Queen Elizabeth

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson took to the high seas as he continued to settle in as Defence Secretary.

He visited HMS Queen Elizabeth, Britain's 280-metre, 65,000-tonne aircraft carrier.

And he revealed that the Queen will formally commission the warship into the Royal Navy next month.

Landing on the £3 billion carrier for the first time as she undertook the latest phase of sea trials, Mr Williamson said it was an honour to visit the vessel and meet the crew.

"In a world of intensifying global threats, this magnificent ship will be a leading force fighting to protect the values of the UK and our allies," he said.

"I'm sure Her Majesty will be similarly impressed at next month's historic ceremony for the nation's new flagship which proudly bears her name."

The ship will return to her home naval base in Portsmouth ahead of the commissioning ceremony, which will see the Queen visit the vessel for the first time since being formally named by her in 2014. Members of the Royal Family and a number of government and military dignitaries will also attend the ceremony, before the Queen offers a few words as Lady Sponsor.

As he landed by Merlin helicopter on the four-acre flight deck of the ship, which has been sailing around the south coast of England, Mr Williamson was met by the commanding officer and crew.

Captain Jerry Kyd said he was delighted to be able to welcome Mr Williamson on board.

Town's lights switch-on will be a record breaker

A RECORD number of stallholders boosting local charities are set to take part in Hednesford's Christmas switch-on celebrations.

It comes after town councillors pledged to pay for the lights. Cannock Chase Council withdrew funding for this year's Christmas lights in Hednesford as part of its money-saving measures.

But Hednesford town councillors have agreed to pick up the bill, which is expected to be around £2,000.

The launch comes a week after the Christmas lights switch-on in Cannock town centre.

Cannock Traders Association once again played a major part in the event, which included a full day market, children's amusements and a firework display.

Over in Hednesford, town council chairman Alan Pearson said it was not possible to come up with an exact figure for the decorations as they were still counting the cost, but he added: "The Christmas lights in Hednesford are a special part of our year, and we did not want to see them end."

Important

Hednesford's Christmas lights switch-on is from 4pm on Friday, December 1, with Market Street closed from 1pm to 8pm.

Councillor Pearson added: "We know how much people love to see the lights in the festive period, and it was important they continued.

"This is very much a community event supported by many local organisations working together under the umbrella of Hednesford in Partnership."

Organisers of the switch-on say they're very pleased with the level of interest from stallholders and community groups – with the biggest attendance, of around 60 stalls, to date.

Shopkeepers can compete in an annual best-dressed window competition, and children have been taking part in a colouring contest with a festive theme. "Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year," Councillor Pearson said. "We are pleased to have been able to maintain the presence of the lights."

MP Amanda Milling, left, decorates a Christmas tree at St Luke's Church in Cannock assisted by church member Betty Howard-Evans

Festive display in trees festival

THE annual Christmas tree festival at Saint Luke's Church in Cannock will be held from Thursday to Saturday next week.

Dozens of trees decorated by members of the local community, charities and businesses make for a bright festive display.

Admission is free. The 900-year-old church will open each day of the festival from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

On Friday, December 1, from 7.30pm, there will be a Christmas concert, with the St Luke's Choir and the Aldridge Ukulele Band.

Admission to the concert is by tickets, costing £5 each, available from the Church Office on 01543 502131 or by emailing stlukesparish@btconnect.com

One of the trees will be from local MP Amanda Milling, who is using it to promote awareness of breast cancer. "I hope my tree will help spread a message of hope," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

200 homes plan sent to council

PLANS to build up to 200 homes in Penkridge have been officially submitted. Bloor Homes has handed over a planning application to South Staffordshire Council which will see an estate built just north of the centre if given the go-ahead.

The properties would be on the west side of the A449 Stafford Road backing on to Nursery Drive.

Concerns have been raised regarding the effect the development could have on school places in Penkridge, while the developer says the area is 'ideal' due to its transport links.

The application says 80 of the homes will be in the affordable bracket.

General knowledge test for hospice

QUIZ buffs can get their thinking caps on in aid of charity tomorrow night (Friday).

The general knowledge test, in aid of St Giles Hospice, Walsall, takes place at Hawkins Sports & Social Club, in Coppice Lane, Cheslyn Hay, from 8.30pm.

The entry fee for teams of up to five players is £10. There will also be a raffle, stand-up bingo and samosas and cobs on sale.

To register a team call 01922 602520 or email georgina.bates@stgileshospice.com

Mince pie quiz to boost Macmillan

THE Rugeley Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support is holding a fundraising Mince Pie Quiz next month.

The event will be at Mansefield House, in Market Street, Rugeley (next to Aldi) at 7.15pm for 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 6.

Admission is £2.50 per person (£10 per team). Anyone who would like to take part but does not have a team can usually be included in a team. The group's Christmas raffle will also be drawn at the event. So far this year, the Rugeley Committee have received £3,400 for the work of the charity.

Pupils to entertain at Our Lady festive fair

THE Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas fair takes place on Saturday from midday.

The event will be opened by Cannock Chase Council chairman George Adamson.

There will be a performance by children from St Joseph's School, and Father Christmas will be in his grotto.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event at Centenary Hall, in Uxbridge Street, Hednesford.

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COUNTY NEWS

£284k raised at seized car auction

TWENTY three BMWs and 17 Audis were are among 180 seized vehicles which have been sold at auction by West Midlands Police.

The haul has raised £284,480 for the force and included one vehicle sold for £19,700.

Not all cars seized by the police were sold at auction, with 4,740 so far sent for crushing this year.

In total 8,091 have been seized from the roads in 2017, most for being uninsured.

The vehicles seized are part of a crackdown by police on uninsured and unlicensed drivers over the past 12 months.

Moorhouse and Delaney on bill

COMEDIANS Justin Moorhouse and Gary Delaney will be performing in the next Live at the Civic comedy night at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in the new year.

The show is on February 17 with tickets £10 if booked by the end of this month from bhillcivic.co.uk

Moorhouse has appeared on the likes of Live At The Apollo and 8 Out Of 10 Cats, is a regular panellist on Five Live's Fighting Talk and has starred in Coronation Street. Gary Delaney, married to fellow comic Sarah Millican, is a Mock The Week regular.

The host will be Dudley rising star Wayne Beese.

Show added to channel schedule

A NEW magazine show has been added to the schedule at Made Television, the national city TV network.

The Big Daily is broadcast at 6.30pm each week night on all the Made stations including Made in Birmingham.

Hosted by Mel Crawford and Tom Evans, it includes updates on the latest events and entertainment news from across the region, plus regular segments on food and music performances.

Rock legends Iron Maiden back in Brum

LEGENDARY rockers Iron Maiden return to Birmingham next year.

Formed in 1975, the band have released 38 albums – including live recordings, EPs and compilations.

Their 16th studio album, The Book of Souls, was released in 2015.

Iron Maiden will play Birmingham's Genting Arena on August 7. Tickets will go on sale from 9am on November 24.

War veteran Daisy May dies aged 95

Daisy May Rotchell

A SECOND World War veteran who was among the early volunteers to join the newly formed Women's Auxiliary Air Force has died at her home in Price Street, Cannock, aged 95.

Chadsmoor-born Daisy May Rotchell (nee Belcher), a life member of the Cannock Chase (573) Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association, was 18 when she became a Waaf in 1940. Her wartime jobs included working on parachutes, checking electrical plugs on aircraft, and support work on the staff of various senior officers.

Daisy, who lost her mother at the age of seven, was educated at Chadsmoor Junior School and Belt Road Girls' School, starting work at 14 at the privately owned Burton Manor, which later became a maternity home.

She was also a member of the congregation at Chadsmoor Methodist Church.

She completed her seven years in the RAF as a corporal medical orderly.

On return to civilian life Daisy completed training as a State Registered Nurse at West Bromwich District Hospital. She trained as a midwife at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, and was also a ward sister at Burton, Stafford Old Hospital, Walsall Manor, Ivy House in Cannock and St Georges, Stafford. She was widowed 15 years ago.

Niece Susan Emery said: "She will always be dearly loved by us all and will be sadly missed."

Murdered: Father must serve at least 33 years

By Annabal Bagdi

A KILLER father who smothered his young children with a petrol-soaked rag and then tried to kill his wife in a gas explosion at their home has been jailed for life.

Endris Mohammed must serve a minimum 33 years for the murder of son Saros, eight, and daughter Leanor, six, as the judge told him: "You deliberately snuffed out their young lives."

Endris Mohammed – set car alight

The 47-year-old also tried to murder his partner, Penil Teklehaimanot, by setting fire to the family home in Hamstead, Great Barr, and puncturing the gas pipes. But the fire didn't take hold and Ms Teklehaimanot was woken by a smoke alarm.

Mohammed – who originally came to the UK from Ethiopia – had denied the murders, claiming diminished responsibility allegedly caused by a depressive disorder.

But Mr Justice Andrew Gilbart said: "You designed to kill all three."

Passing sentence at Birmingham Crown Court, Mr Justice Gilbart told Mohammed: "This country has a long proud history of welcoming those from abroad who flee from persecution. Both of you had done so, and established your lives here in Birmingham, along with your two children.

"However that secure and apparently happy family life was destroyed by you."

The Judge said the children had trusted their father and were enjoying a half-term 'sleepover' downstairs at the house. "You repaid their trust in you by killing them," he added.

Mohammed smothered the two children with a petrol-soaked rag before starting a blaze.

The kitchen cooker was dislodged, leaking gas into the home, the back door locked and the key tossed onto the front lawn, denying the family any chance of escape, prosecutor Mr Jonas Hankin QC had told the court.

Saros, aged eight and Leanor, aged six, who were murdered by their father

The bodies of the children were pulled from the house as it went up in flames by their mother and a neighbour, before being placed on the garden.

The trial heard how little Leanor was briefly revived at the scene but died later in hospital.

Mohammed was driving on the M6 as neighbours and paramedics battled to save his children, with his taxi later set on fire 40 miles away in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

The killer was found on the ground next to the vehicle with serious burns and spent three months in hospital.

He fled in his Uber cab after killing Saros and Leanor in Holland Road on October 28 last year.

The taxi driver, who has set his car alight on the night of the killings, had admitted smothering his children.

Mohammed claimed he had decided to end his life over money worries but police found they could live off his wife's earnings as a care worker.

Mohammed was found guilty of two counts of murder and one of attempted murder after a two-week trial and will be 80 before he gets out of jail.

'Check first' alert over doorstep callers con

CANNOCK Chase Council is warning residents to be vigilant following a distraction theft in Norton Canes.

The 'serious' incident involving an elderly person happened in St James Road when a trader approached a resident at her home, offering to cut a tree in the garden. The woman handed the man a large sum of money but he left and did not return.

Councillor Carl Bennett, portfolio leader for crime and partnerships, said: "This is an appalling case of distraction theft and a stark reminder to residents, especially the elderly and vulnerable, in Cannock Chase to be on their guard."

"We often hear reports of people purporting to be from the council. We would remind residents that anyone from the council, South Staffordshire Water or other official organisations would have a photograph ID.

"However, if you are unsure, then please do not hesitate to call the authority concerned. Anyone who is genuine would never mind you checking."

The man involved in the Norton Canes incident, which happened at 7.45am on Thursday, November 9, was described as white, of large build and wearing navy clothing. He drove off in a small white car towards Norton East Road.

If anyone has any information which could assist the police with their inquiries, they should contact 101 quoting incident number 108 of 9 November.

Duncan Rollo, Partnership manager with the Cannock Chase Local Policing Team, said: "Any suspicious callers should be reported to Staffordshire Police immediately."

Haydn releases his debut album

THE debut album by Haydn Jones, the Rugeley musician behind the acoustic rock outfit Toasted Bones, has gone on digital release.

A self-confessed 'wannabee rocker, and actual geek', he has been playing live with various bands around Staffordshire and the wider Midlands since the early 1990s.

"I've always had a passion for a big riff and a good hook, and I've spent this summer transposing this sound to an acoustic guitar, a decent beat and raspy vocals for my debut album Remember the Time," he said.

To promote the album Haydn has posted a teaser on YouTube which features some of the countryside where he lives. Haydn added: "You can find the album on most digital stores by searching for Toasted Bones."

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Now hospital ambulance service is hit by cuts

THE CRITICAL care ambulance service at Stafford's County Hospital has been stripped back.

Two high dependency ambulances, which transfer patients in major or emergency cases to Royal Stoke Hospital, will no longer operate between 11pm and 8am. Patients will now have to rely on West Midlands Ambulance Service being called to take them between the hospitals.

High Dependency Units (HDU) are ambulances with specially trained paramedics who can give care during transfer for serious cases.

Until last week the two ambulances operated 24 hours a day.

Transfers from Stafford to Stoke are needed because County Hospital offers only limit services following a downgrade in 2014. A concerned NHS worker, who did not want to be named, said: "This is really bad for the people of Stafford."

A&E at County Hospital is open between 8am and 10pm.

Children's emergency service has been suspended on safety grounds for the past year.

Paula Clark, chief executive, said: "Two HDU ambulances have previously been on standby overnight for transfers from County to Royal Stoke. Following a review we found they were used only once per night on average, and some evenings the service is not utilised at all."

Station revamps moving forward

A PROJECT to revamp the three major railway stations in the Cannock Chase district has moved forward.

Council bosses want to develop the sites at Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley Town so they are fit for purpose when the Mill Green designer outlet village opens in 2019. It would see platforms lengthened to accommodate trains with extra carriages and a general facelift of the stations incorporating shops and other services.

Since the announcement of the idea a Chase Line Stations Alliance has been formed by councillors and Network Rail along with other parties.

In June they inspected all three stations and are now identifying specific schemes. The next stage will be a masterplan to prioritise the works.

Walking on Chase

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is an eight-mile easy/moderate walk on Cannock Chase, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01889 570178. New walkers welcome.

Councillors oppose combining services

PROPOSALS to share services between two councils have been criticised as 'disguised cuts'.

Cannock Chase Council and Stafford Borough Council plan to bring environmental services together which covers licensing, fly-tipping, food safety and contaminated land.

But the opposition leader at Stafford Borough Council, William Kemp, said: "The thing about controlled services is that gradually the control of the service moves away from the one authority towards the other and although we are told the service is exactly the same, it doesn't seem to be working that way. We are concerned about shared services.

"It is very obvious services are being cut and staff are being reduced. They do say that frontline service is not affected but there has been quite an obvious example of services not being properly dealt with."

This is not the first move of its kind by the two authorities as they have been sharing services since 2011, including human resources and information technology, which has led them to save £558,000 per year each. Councillor Angela Loughran said: "I think the general opinion is that they are transcending services from Stafford to Cannock but they won't have any services left. It really is depleting Stafford Borough Council and the services they will be providing.

"At the end of the day, is saving money the most important thing to residents in the area? That is one of the fundamental questions and you need to look at the whole picture.

"The area of Stafford Borough Council is much larger than Cannock Council and in my opinion it is putting additional strain on the officers who are working in Cannock Chase as they are 'to-ing and fro-ing' from Stafford."

Under the agreement, they also agree to merge pest and dog control services which will be under the control of the borough council.

Stafford Borough Council leader Councillor Patrick Farrington said: "Both councils remain separate entities. There is not one iota of truth behind any suggestion that control is shifting from one authority to another – and any such suggestion is simply political mischief making."

Keep it simple! Call to scrap district councils

STAFFORDSHIRE'S district councils – including those in Stafford, Cannock Chase, Lichfield and South Staffordshire – should be scrapped or merged into the county council, a think tank has suggested.

The ResPublica Trust has said the 'two-tier' system currently being operated in the county leads to overlapping services and problems.

They argue that if Staffordshire was to have a single unitary authority it would benefit from similar devolved powers as enjoyed by London and Manchester. The think tank says district councils could be abolished and some of their budgets, as well as their building portfolio, transferred to parish or town councils such as Hednesford Town Council.

Another option would be to make the leaders of each district council such as George Adamson for Cannock Chase, or Patrick Farrington for Stafford borough, part of the 'cabinet' committee for Staffordshire County Council to ensure decisions are made in the best interests of the whole county.

Sharing

Phillip Blond, director of ResPublica, said: "The needless confusion that frustrates the ambitions of business and government alike in our county areas must end now."

As reported in the Chronicle, Cannock Chase and Stafford councils are in talks about sharing certain services having already joined forces for human resources and other departments.

But Councillor Adamson has heavily criticised the idea of axing the Cannock Chase authority altogether and becoming part of the county council.

He said: "It would be a disaster for Cannock Chase. Due to the vastness of Cannock Chase we already struggle to get a good deal from the county council, they tend to favour Stafford and the north.

"We share a lot of services with Stafford Borough Council saving hundreds of thousands of pounds a year but we do not need one massive council which would be so remote from the man and woman on the street."

Appeal strikes a chord with Dave

Flamboyant Slade rocker Dave Hill is backing the Feed a Family This Christmas campaign

HE captured the attention of music lovers across the globe with his flamboyant costumes while in rock band Slade.

Now guitarist Dave Hill has pledged his support for our Feed a Family This Christmas appeal.

The Wolverhampton performer revealed he would be backing the Express & Star' and Chronicle's festive appeal to support the county's vulnerable at Christmas.

The 71-year-old added: "Anything to do with a good cause like this, I'm happy to support. It's really good that the Express & Star is doing this. It's good to be part of something that does some good."

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food which will be handed to food banks and other charitable organisations across the region to help families in need and the homeless.

To find out what and where to donate visit www.expressandstar.com/news/feed-a-family/

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NEWS IN BRIEF

More patrols after rise in shoplifting

AN increase in shoplifting offences will mean extra police patrols in the run-up to Christmas.

Theft increased steadily across Burntwood and Lichfield during the summer months, rising from 100 in May to 162 in August.

Police launched a campaign using CCTV and sharing intelligence over the radio system with town centre bosses, resulting in the number of incidents falling to 126 and 127 in each of the last two months.

Area commander Joanne Rea said: "We take business crime seriously and for the past three months have increased patrols that will continue."

Police warning on another lead theft

ANOTHER lead theft has been reported in the Cannock area.

A home in Corsican Drive, Cannock, was the latest to be targeted in the district. Lead was removed from a bay window some time between Monday night and Tuesday morning last week.

It comes after a similar theft took place at an address in Common Walk, Huntington.

PCSO Sukjinder Mander, who operates in the Cannock East and North area, has warned residents by circulating the latest incident on Staffordshire Police's digital smart alert service.

Classic car rally to feature at market

ORGANISERS of Penkridge Victorian Christmas Market have announced that this year's event will be even bigger and better than ever before.

The annual event, which has been running on the market site for over seven years, will have additional attractions such as a classic car rally, as well as extended opening hours.

It will run from 1pm to 7pm on Sunday. The market will feature festive food, crafts and entertainment, as well as plenty to keep the children entertained, with a fun fair, Father Christmas and face painting.

Watercolour artists to show their skills

NORTON Canes Watercolour Club are preparing for forthcoming events.

Members of the club will be at Five Ways Primary School's Christmas fair on Saturday. They will also be in the shopping area of Cannock Market on Saturday, December 2 and at Norton Canes Victorian Market on Sunday, December 3.

At each venue the club will have original artwork plus cards and other art-related gifts.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Art price is manic Mundi for collector

WE'VE all been there at some time or other. You put a few quid away each month, build yourself a nice little nest egg, and then the mid-life crisis beckons.

It's just the way life goes. One minute you don't have two pennies to rub together, then suddenly you think to yourself "I've got a spare £360 million knocking about in the bank earning a paltry interest rate, I think I will spend it on a picture for the dining room instead."

Well that's what seems to have happened for one person at least. Last week, a tatty and not-particularly attractive painting that might be by Leonardo Da Vinci, fetched a staggering 450 million dollars at Christies in New York. That's £360 million in real money.

Salvator Mundi, or saviour of the world

Now, I'm the first to admit I know nothing about fine art. When it comes to the masters, I'm a card-carrying philistine. I mean, The Mona Lisa? Yes, it's better than I can do, but most things are. What differentiates that from, say, the work of a good art college lecturer?

Some years ago, I saw the celebrated paintings of Dudley by J W M Turner, which used to hang in the town's art gallery before it closed. I suppose I ought to say what an uplifting and enriching experience it was, but to be honest I thought they were a bit of a mess.

I certainly prefer the work of Black Country artist, and all-round nice guy, Graham Colbourne. But while Turner's works are priceless treasures, Graham donates his to local charities. Yet even among those in the know, the £360m painting has received a distinctly lukewarm reaction.

Jason Farago, of the New York Times called it "a proficient but not especially distinguished religious picture from turn-of-the-16th-century Lombardy, put through a wringer of restorations."

What does interest me, though, is that in 1958 the same picture sold for £45, or just under a grand when you allow for inflation. Back then, it was not thought to be by Da Vinci, so the inflated price is solely about who painted it, rather than any merit it might possess.

Which is just as well, because if I wanted that on my wall, I would not be crossing the Atlantic with my chequebook. I would cut the print out of the catalogue, and head down to Wilko for a frame.

Sometimes best to leave smartphone in your pocket

Adrian Edmondson – and which Shakespearean role will be next for him?

Sathnam Sanghera – success from what was once there for many working-class kids

Theresa May – where politics is involved, there's no legal lock that can't be picked

Paramedic: No need to shame notewriter

PARAMEDICS on an emergency call in Birmingham found this message on their ambulance: "You may be saving lives but don't park your van in a stupid place and block my drive." A paramedic posted the note on social media. But why? We pay paramedics to save lives, not to turn their job into photo-opportunities, nor to score points off members of the public who offend them. The paramedics could not have known the mental state of the person writing the note, nor the effects on him – or on neighbourhood relationships – of blabbing it online. It may be hard to believe in this Twitter-obsessed age but there are times when the best thing you can do with your smartphone is leave it in your pocket.

EARLY-morning mumbling. I heard a radio reporter describing an increase in the number of councils enforcing debts by the use of bayonets. Bailiffs, apparently.

IT'S excellent to see Adrian Edmondson getting rave reviews as the pompous old steward Malvolio in Twelfth Night at Stratford. I had lunch with him once in a wine bar in Wolverhampton and I can't recall an interview attracting so much interest, and obvious affection, from customers. It was inevitable that The Young Ones generation would eventually make it to the classical stage; Lenny Henry once told me his dream was to play Malvolio. And then he went off and did a memorable Othello instead. And what Shakespearean role will next beckon Mr Edmondson, still best remembered for those frenetic frying-pan fights with Rik Mayall? Bottom, perhaps?

IF Moscow really is planting fake news to bring down the West, expect it to be a well-concealed operation. You know how it is. You open one Russian troll and there's another troll inside.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THANKS for your memories of words spoken by teachers many years ago which have stuck in your memory. A reader who taught geography for 40 years describes asking one of his former pupils what, if anything, he remembered about his lessons. "I was hoping for some profound geographical memory," he says. Instead, the pupil recalled: "I spilt some ink on the classroom carpet and you called me a berk".

AND before some of you of a certain age reach for the keyboard for a good harrumph, I am ahead of you. Carpet in the classroom? Luxury.

I WROTE recently about the Co-op Bank no longer supplying addressed envelopes for customers to send their credit-card payments. A reader asks: "When did banks do anything to help their customers?" The common view of business, he says, is that their idea of "helping" customers is to make it increasingly difficult to contact them by letter or phone. If you're not on email, you're stuffed.

UNDER the headline "CofE to allow boys to wear dresses," the latest Private Eye magazine pokes fun at the Church of England which has suggested children should be able to "try out the many cloaks of identity," with little boys being allowed to wear tutus and girls to wear tool belts if they wish. The Eye makes the point that CofE clergy are regularly seen in elaborate "non-gender" vestments. This surely rings a bell with older Eye readers who recall a classic 1986 front cover during the furious debate on female ordination. It showed three smiling bishops in their magnificent flowing robes with the caption: "Who needs women priests when they've got us?"

I WATCHED The Boy with the Topknot (BBC2), Sathnam Sanghera's tale of growing up in Wolverhampton in a family stalked by mental illness. Later, I picked up the copy of his book he presented to me nine years ago. In the acknowledgments he noted: "I would like to thank Peter Rhodes . . . for giving me my first break in journalism." I'm proud of helping this gifted young writer to get started in his career although, to be honest, I can't recall doing much more than offering a few tips. The real leap forward in Sathnam Sanghera's life came from something once available to millions of bright working-class kids. A grammar-school education.

FASCINATING to see Theresa May "locking in" the timing of Britain leaving the EU by writing the departure date into law. I seem to recall that the timing of general elections was locked into law, setting them at five-yearly intervals, until Mrs May thought a snap election would be a good idea. When politics is involved, there ain't a legal lock that can't be picked.

HOWARDS End. That's the correct title. No apostrophe. I can't explain it either. Nor can I explain why a TV series has been made when a perfectly fine movie of Howards End already exists.

TALKING POINT

Kindness can create a lasting memory

Why do we always hear 'there's a lot of bad 'uns out there'? Yes I am sure that is the case but there are also a lot of good 'uns as well, so let's hear more about them instead.

It is a shame that sometimes it does take something bad to happen to really show the true character of people.

Often the people you think will be there by your side disappear into thin air, but maybe somebody you feel you hardly know, or don't know at all, goes above and beyond.

And with all the awful atrocities this year, somewhere, among all the tragedy and sadness, there are tales of heroism, kindness, on both a small and major scale. And sometimes it is the people you think least likely to step up – people dropping kids at school, on their way to work, popped out to get a paper, or just on a night out with mates – who step in to help. And even if, at the time, the help seemed minimal, it is how it makes the victim feel – supported, not alone.

There was an incident recently which summed up how a little thought can go such a long way. My daughter-in-law was on the motorway when the exhaust dropped off her car. With two children in the back of the car she quickly pulled onto the hard shoulder and rang for help.

The highway patrol turned up to advise and luckily she had breakdown cover.

So it was a case of waiting, probably for the best part of an hour, on the hard shoulder. As advised they got out of the car and stood outside.

It was cold, windy and wet and trying to keep two children warm and a two-year-old from straying into danger is no mean feat as the cars race by. She called us from the roadside, scared and cold.

Cars sped past but one kind man pulled over and offered her drinks and crisps for the kids and a coat to keep them warm.

It probably cost him next to nothing but the difference that made to the situation was immense. When she safely arrived at her mum's after having her car towed there, she called us to say all was fine.

And the thing she most remembered was not the fear and cold but the fact that somebody had stopped to help. A little kindness, a lasting memory.

Her mum put something on Facebook, and I hope he saw it, or somebody who knows him told him, as he deserves praise for what he did.

OK you might say a small gesture – crisps and drinks don't cost a lot – but for those few minutes the situation changed from despair to a warm glow at somebody's kindness. So you see, there are a lot of good people out there.

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Brothers looking to win battle of the bands title

PENKRIDGE brothers Jordi and Jack James are hoping to steal a prestigious title having being shortlisted in a battle of the bands contest.

Sugarthief, a four-piece band founded by the brothers, are one of six acts shortlisted to win Firestone's Battle of the Bands grassroots competition.

The public are being urged to vote for the band to help them get through to a grand final.

Once voting closes today (Thursday), three chosen acts will go on to play in the overall grand final on December 14 in Birmingham.

Sugarthief have beaten around 300 unsigned bands to get this far, with the coveted trophy, more than £2,000 worth of Orange Amplification gear and studio time worth £1,500 all now within reach.

Jordi and Jack James of Sugarthief, who are selling out venues

Favourite

Orange Amplification and returning partner Professional Music Technology (PMT) judged the entries and agreed on six shortlisted acts, with Sugarthief's brand of rock and pop, with a retro twist, striking a chord.

The band is made up of Jordi on lead vocals and guitar, Jack on guitar, Reece Downton on drums and bassist Luke Owen. They are selling out venues such as The Sunflower Lounge in Birmingham having spent many nights watching their favourite bands there as fans of B-Town music.

Jordi confirmed that Sugarthief would be supporting The Twang for a handful of shows in front of up to 3,000 people later in the year and is hoping that success in the battle of the bands would propel them further and result in a big breakthrough. He said: "We want to be as big as we can possibly be. To win this competition would be huge for us and could help us make it."

For brothers Jordi and Jack, the band is something of a family affair with their dad driving them to gigs and their mum looking after the finances. With Jack studying marketing at university and Jordi graphic design, they are a resourceful bunch too, with everything in place should they make it big.

Jack said: "Dad taught us how to play the guitar when we were young and it has all gone from there."

The final will take place at the British and Irish Modern Music Institute in Birmingham. To listen to Sugarthief, visit soundcloud.com/sugarthiefuk and to vote for the band, visit battleofthebands.firestone.eu

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Everyone is asking for more

WELL, it rolls around again. Everyone is looking for something, no matter how little or small.

Some dream of castles in the sky, others more modest things. No, no, those of you thinking of Christmas gifts.

Just about every branch of government is screaming for more money. The purse strings have been pulled so tight it's a wonder just how long can this continue. But never forget why we have this state of affairs.

When this government entered office it found the Labour government had sold everything it could.

Do not let Labour back into power or the result will be the return of a fool's paradise – spend, spend, spend with money we have not got.

LESINTHESHED
Cannock

Raising awareness of pressures on doctors

A NEW survey conducted among senior hospital doctors, GPs, trainees and charity supporters alarmingly finds that two-thirds of respondents would not recommend medicine as a career to their children, despite the fact that traditionally it's been a family career throughout generations.

The survey was released by the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund (RMBF), a charity which helps doctors, medical students and their families, as part of their new 'Together for Doctors' campaign.

While the majority of doctors said that they would still study medicine given their time again, 92 per cent think that working conditions in UK hospitals have deteriorated in the past decade, and 93 per cent are concerned by the number of doctors choosing to leave the profession.

Together for Doctors aims to raise awareness of the need to offer support to doctors throughout the UK who are working under increasing difficulty and scrutiny, as well as encouraging doctors themselves to come forward and seek help when they need it.

To find out more about the RMBF or to help fundraise visit www.rmbf.org – your money could help a doctor and their family to rebuild their lives after illness or an accident.

PROF DAME PARVEEN KUMAR
Royal Medical Benevolent Fund

Give support to rule change over children

RIGHT now, in the Home Office rules, the Government doesn't recognise the close family of refugee children beyond their parents. This means many children escaping war and violence can't be safely reunited with their family in the UK without making a deadly journey into Europe.

An amendment to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill New Clause 53 would make sure the UK's rules are fixed to stop this needless risk to children's safety. I urge readers to write to their MP to ask them to add their name to the amendment and voice their support during the debate.

LILY CAPRANI
Unicef UK

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Identity of villages is now at risk

I AM a resident who has continually opposed the building of homes between Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley (Chronicle, November 16). I ask all residents to do the same.

I understand change is inevitable (the words of KGL Holdings) but we have had change. The villages are hardly recognisable because of the changes over the years, and the size of this build would ensure that the identity of both villages would be completely gone.

Progress? No, not in my opinion. Loss of a way of life to us? Yes, very much so.

It will be a sad, sad day if this development goes through – and make no mistake, if this is passed the doors are wide open.

MRS DIANE FREEMAN
Great Wyrley

Loneliness is a worry during festive season

IT is that time of the year again. All things point to Christmas – a time for togetherness, festivity and fun; a time to spend with friends and family and a time to eat, drink and be merry. Sadly, for many older people, the reality is a little different with a large number of over-55s saying that loneliness and social isolation is one of their most prominent worries across the festive period.

That's why my charity, The Abbeyfield Society, started Companionship at Christmas, our annual drive to both highlight and alleviate this issue by encouraging our houses and homes in the West Midlands to open their doors and offer free festive activities, hot meals and friendship.

Do check out our website to see what is going on near you, or call 01727 734144.

DAVID MCCULLOUGH
The Abbeyfield Society

Fed up of this mess

WE are fed up of having to clear cat mess off our garden every morning. Dog owners have to pick up after their pets, but cat owners get away with it.

Cats mess anywhere but their own patch, and where there are more than one in a household it's a nightmare, and a health hazard where there are children.

JC
Rugeley

FOR MORE LETTERS TURN TO PAGE 17

Guest earns crust with bakery talk

Burntwood WI

A WONDERFUL evening was had by all as they listened to Glynis Gayton recalling her life with the family baking business.

"Grandad Gayton", who had five children, started the company based in Grendon, north Warwickshire, in 1919 and they were all involved at times in the business.

Over the years this small establishment has grown and employs 15 people. Glynis joined the company as a Saturday girl, fell in love and married the grandson and is now co-owner with her son.

Members heard how the bread and cakes are made, which hasn't changed much over the years and the many different varieties they produce.

They supply many outlets including schools, garden centres and markets. Glynis was a very entertaining humorous speaker.

Ladies celebrated the golden wedding of Lorna Jones who provided the wine, Sandie informed members about the forthcoming trip to Tatton Park and gave suggestions for 2018.

The guild's annual quiz with a fish and chip supper is on Saturday and the Christmas meeting will be party night on December 7.

Ron closed the meeting with a lovely poem about Cannock Chase.

New members are welcome and details can be found on the club's Facebook page.

Gathering to remember fallen

Townswomen's Guild members lay a posy of poppies and pay their respects

Cannock TG

THE ladies of Cannock and District Townswomen's Guild planted a memorial tree in Cannock Park in 2015 in remembrance of all those who gave their lives in the service of our country.

This year, on Saturday, November 11 at 11am, the ladies gathered to lay a posy of poppies at the tree and remember all those who have given their lives in war and conflicts. The weather was good and the sun shone on the simple and sincere ceremony.

'Never to be forgotten'.

Speaker puts accent on regional dialects

Cannock and District Ladies Probus Club

"IT'S not what you say but the way that you say it" was the title of Derek Poulson's whistle stop tour of dialects from around the British Isles.

Derek entertainingly spoke in Scottish, Irish, Welsh 'up north' and 'down south' accents as he explained how our British language and speech has been influenced by invading foreigners and working conditions. His acting experience and mannerisms kept everyone enthralled throughout his enlightening presentation.

Chairman Pam Clarke followed the talk with a short business meeting, and a celebratory cutting of the Cannock & District Ladies Probus 24th birthday cake – everyone enjoyed a slice. The next meeting will be held at The Chase Golf Club on the first Thursday of the month at noon. Guests and prospective new members are welcome.

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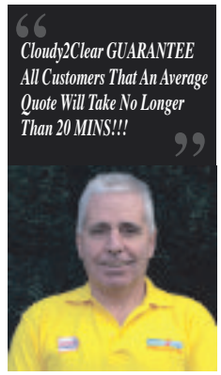

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Chief: Crime rise not linked to cuts

By Rob Golledge

SOARING crime rates cannot be linked to a fall in police officer numbers, a top police boss has declared.

Gareth Morgan, Chief Constable of Staffordshire, said the 'changing nature' of crime was predominantly behind recent spikes – despite the force losing 25 per cent of its officers in the last five years.

Crime in Staffordshire has risen by 13 per cent in the last year while officer numbers have gone down from 2,161 in 2010 to 1,626 in March.

Mr Morgan said: "I will not make an argument that crime has gone up in Staffordshire because police officer numbers have gone down. I do not follow that correlation.

Struggling

"If I look at my violent crime stats, a significant proportion of them are about online crime – people threatening each other.

"They (offenders) are not doing that because there isn't a police officer, they are doing it because there is a changing nature of crime, it is accessible to them, and they think it is an acceptable way of behaving."

Mr Morgan, who took up the post in the summer, admitted the force was 'struggling' with the recent crimewave, but added that he was not asking for more police officers. He said: "I am saying, with police officers going down, we are struggling to manage the crime that we have got.

"I'm not going so far as to say I need more [officers], I'm just saying I want someone to tell me they're not going to take any more off me. I will use the resources that I have got, and I will do all the things that I need to."

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn

He also warned that police office numbers don't tell the 'whole picture', saying forces – including Staffordshire – had increased the number of civilian investigators who work on cases, forensics, and cyber crime.

The comments appear to contradict the view of Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who has linked falling police numbers to a rise in crime.

Mr Morgan also gave a frank assessment about the huge demand officers and the force face – particularly with sexual offences.

He said: "One of the most stark figures since I got here is that Staffordshire, a medium-sized force, was recording about 900 rapes a year. It is now recording just under 3,000 – that's a five-fold increase in five years. That is about victims of crime feeling more confident in coming forward, and us as part of the criminal justice system being more accessible. Those crimes need specialised and highly trained officers to deal with them

"Shoplifting has gone up, and that is typically by people with drug and alcohol dependencies. It isn't just a crime issue, it is the depth and complexity of it. I'm absolutely clear that crime is not down in Staffordshire.

"Crime is up by about 16 per cent here – there is no debate. My job is to understand where it is."

Mr Morgan said that no police officer had raised their pay as an issue with him, but that they had aired 'frustration, angst and anger' over how stretched they are.

He said: "They are frustrated that they are not able to do the job that they want to do."

Impact of attacks on officers is spelt out

ONE police officer every day is being assaulted while on duty in Staffordshire, the Chief Constable has said.

Gareth Morgan is so appalled by the situation that he has written to magistrates and judges about the impact the offences are having on the force. He said: "Seven officers a week are assaulted in the line of duty.

"As a force we will prosecute those who assault our officers as we want to treat our workforce like any other victim of crime. There appears to be in some quarters that it is part of the job that officers will be assaulted.

"But it is absolutely not acceptable," he added.

Affected

Mr Morgan has started writing 'victim impact statements' to the courts. Over the past few years victims have had the right to give a statement about how the crime has affected them.

Mr Morgan said: "I want to show that I am supportive of our staff, that I am protecting them, and that I am doing the best that I can.

"I hope this raises awareness in the force and in the judiciary. Some officers have felt their own superiors weren't supportive."

Mr Morgan added that it was up to judges and magistrates to decide on sentencing when an offender was convicted of assaulting a police officer.

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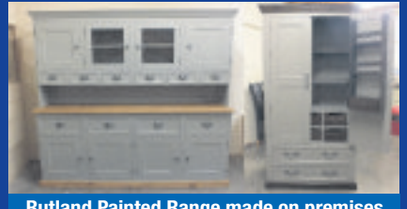
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Artwork celebrates People and Places

The new artwork, entitled People and Places of Penkridge, alongside the station platform

A COLLECTION of new artwork by young people has been created for Penkridge railway station.

The innovative designs, entitled People and Places of Penkridge, feature photography showing the Staffordshire market town and its people.

They were designed by five Year 12 Art and Design students at Penkridge's Wolgarston High School.

James Bayliss, David Errington, Matthew Evans, Emily Harvey-Stephens and Harriet Murray are currently studying for a BTEC in Art and Design. The project, using double exposure photography, formed a significant part of their coursework.

The research process for the project involved working with the community, including local traders, to build up a portfolio of images.

The new artwork comprises two large contrasting canvases, each five metres in length, featuring the message 'Welcome to our community'. These have been installed by the London Midland property team as a permanent display on each of the two platforms.

The project is a joint venture with North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership (NSCRP), which worked closely with Wolgarston High to develop the designs, and with the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) which provided sponsorship from their Small Grants Fund.

Knockout of a night

ENGLAND'S finest amateur fighters will take on the pride of Scotland during a knockout night of international amateur boxing in Cannock.

The St Andrew's Night Boxing Gala Dinner Show takes place at The Premier Suite, in High Green, on November 30. The black tie event is being held in honour of Scottish former Undisputed World Lightweight Champion Ken Buchanan.

Proceeds will go to the Ken Buchanan Foundation, which is raising money for a statue of the legendary fighter to be erected in his home town of Edinburgh. The venture has the backing of the governing bodies of Scottish and English amateur boxing, Boxing Scotland and the ABA. There will be up to 10 Senior Class ABA International fights on the night.

Master of ceremonies is former WBC super-middleweight champion Richie Woodhall. The show includes a four-course meal. Tickets start at £65.

There will be an opportunity for photos and a meet and greet with boxing celebrities on the night which will include Scottish WBC Silver light welterweight title holder Josh Taylor.

Scott Murray, owner of The Premier Suite, said: "It will be an absolutely fantastic night of top amateur boxing. This is England's finest amateur boxers taking on the pride of Scotland." Call 01543 572092.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tables available at charities fair

THE Annual Charities Christmas Fair at St Augustine's Church, in Station Road, Rugeley will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 3pm.

Crafts, games, a free Santa grotto, and refreshments are all provided by local charities. Admission is free. Tables are still available for £5. Contact Joan on 01889 800465 for details.

Island discs night will have a twist

AN evening in the style of Desert Island Discs – with a twist – will be held at St John the Baptist Church, in Slitting Mill, tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm. Admission is £3.

The twist is instead of one person being castaway with eight records, eight people have a record each. There will be a Bring and Share supper.

Choir at concert in aid of guide dogs

A CHRISTMAS concert is to take place in Hednesford, in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Entertainment will be provided by Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Choir.

The event is being held at Victoria Working Men's Club, in Church Hill, on December 16, starting at 8pm. Admission is free but donations welcome.

Lanterns at estate

SHUGBOROUGH Estate is hosting workshops to design lanterns which can be carried on a parade. The weekend workshops are from November 25 until December 10 and the parades will be on December 15, 16 and 17.

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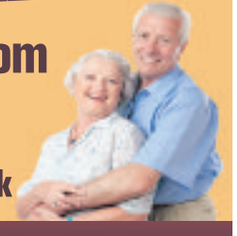

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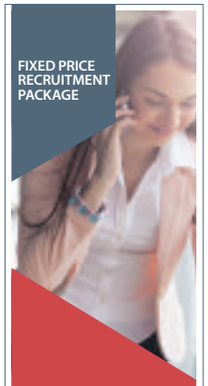

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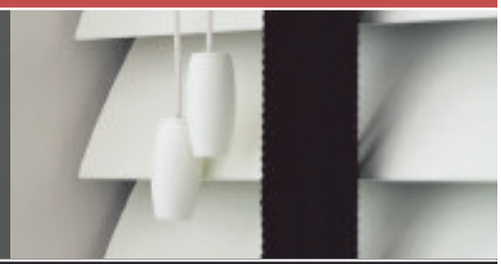

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Halls refit bill goes through the roof

THE revamp of Wolverhampton's civic halls is set to smash through its budget by more than £20 million – as council bosses revealed the venue needs a new roof.

The project, which started nearly two years ago, was initially slated to cost £14.4m and be completed by March 2018 but the city council has scrapped its initial scheme because of 'major issues'.

A new electrical system and major structural work, including a replacement roof, are required.

The Chronicle understands it is now set to cost at least £36m and may not be completed until 2019 at the earliest – although one option on the table is to ditch the revamp entirely.

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Oliver Bhurrut, said: "Plans for the £14.4 million redevelopment of the 80-year-old, Grade II-listed building have begun but work was held up when contractors uncovered major issues.

"We then commissioned much more intrusive survey work to look at these.

"We now know the scale of the issues we face to return the Civic to its former glory. We're currently in the process of finalising the costs of this additional work but the project will inevitably cost millions more.

"So, before any further works start, we are exploring national and regional funding options."

It is the third major council-run scheme to bust its budget in a matter of months. The authority needs to find an extra £23.2m for renovations to the city's railway station and the Midland Metro extension, and the cost of moving the city's markets has almost doubled to £4.9m, meaning the total council overspend could top £50m.

By Pete Madeley

CAB worker a new addition to council

Council chairman Councillor Alan Pearson, right, welcomes Councillor Matthew Davis

A NEW councillor has been welcomed by Hednesford Town Council.

Matthew Davis, aged 38, has replaced Councillor Linda Whitehouse, who stood down earlier this year.

Councillor Davis is a mental health case worker with the Citizens Advice Bureau and represents the Labour Party.

He has also just completed research into human trafficking as part of an academic study.

He has been welcomed by council chairman Councillor Alan Pearson, who said it was great to have Councillor Davis on board.

"Matthew lives very locally and is well connected in the community, he's very interested in helping people and we look forward to working with him," he said.

Seven join Real Deal fakes-free campaign

Chamber praises company

Chris Plant, left, Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce director, with Steve Budding, Wheel Solutions Group MD

WHEEL Solutions Group, based in Hednesford, opened its doors to the Greater Birmingham Chamber.

The visit follows a period of sustained growth and acquisitions for the wheel, tyre and chassis specialists, with Chassis Solutions and Gateway Chassis joining Wheel Solutions Ltd to expand its operations.

Steve Budding, Wheel Solutions Group MD, said: "The group is now a £20 million-plus turnover business, employing 110 people in three sites across the UK.

"Together with increased investment in people and technology, the expansion is a clear indicator of our commitment to offering the industry's highest levels of quality in products, manufacturing, service and innovation."

Chris Plant, Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce director, commended the group for its passion, innovation and commitment to the local area.

"There is a real sense of pride about their products and customer satisfaction," he said.

FIVE popular Staffordshire markets and two car boot sale events have now joined a national campaign to ensure their goods are legitimate.

Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team, which coordinates the Real Deal campaign locally, is urging more outlets to get on board and give customers peace of mind.

The campaign, which aims to promote a fair and safe trading environment, including ensuring markets are free from counterfeit goods, brings together councils, market operators, traders, industry groups and copyright and trademark owners.

Event organisers signing up to the Real Deal charter are demonstrating their commitment to tackling counterfeit goods sales and keeping visitors safe.

Recognition

Markets in Cannock (indoor and outdoor), Penkridge, Tamworth, Lichfield and Burton are all signed up to the initiative in addition to car boot organisers at Ashwood near Kinver and Stourbridge Rugby Club.

Now the county council has received recognition from the national campaign organisers as a result of its success in Staffordshire. Staffordshire County Council's communities leader Councillor Gill Heath said: "Event organisers are working hard to ensure theirs are fake-free and are sending out a clear message that they will not tolerate irresponsible traders."

Patricia Lennon, coordinator of the Real Deal scheme nationally, said: "Staffordshire Country Council and the event organisers it is working with have demonstrated a long-term commitment to ensure these venues are fake-free. This means they can protect shoppers, traders and local businesses from the harm caused by counterfeit goods."

Across the UK, around 500 markets and car boot fairs have signed the Real Deal charter. Visit www.realdealmarkets.co.uk

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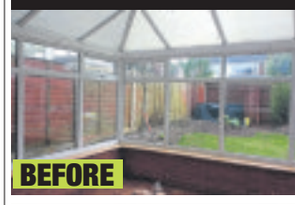

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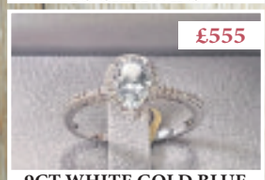

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Mayor backs scheme to help the homeless

A SCHEME that would see council homes given up to rough-sleeping drug addicts will prove to be 'a good investment', according to the West Midlands Mayor Andy Street.

He wants the region to be the national pilot scheme for Housing First, an initiative that gives free accommodation to people who live on the streets in a bid to help them rebuild their lives.

The scheme, which the Government will pay £15 million to fund over three years, requires local authorities in the Black Country to give up housing stock.

Mr Street said: "The issue is having the money to secure the places in accommodation that I think we could make available across the West Midlands.

"But what we are applying for is the funding to actually then pay for that accommodation.

Shared

"That's why we have put our application into Government to be the pilot in the UK of this scheme."

Mr Street said the scheme was unlikely to use individual council houses and would instead 'be looking at shared accommodation in blocks of apartments'.

When he was elected Mayor in May, Conservative Mr Street pledged to make tackling homelessness his top priority.

"We've got to make it appropriate so that it meets the issues we have here," he said. "But I think we should try and develop it to be a success."

In 2016 in Wolverhampton more than 8,300 people were on the waiting list for just 69 available council homes across the city. In Sandwell the waiting list was around 6,000 and in Walsall it was 8,600.

Puppy sitters needed

Sitter Susan Lees with 16-week-old Quaver

THEY might look cute and cuddly, but these dogs have a job to do.

They are guide dogs in training, and more puppy sitters are needed to help them during their first year.

During that time, the dogs go out to "puppy walkers" who raise them as normal puppies and take them to classes to give them basic training before handing them over for the next stage of their development.

Andrew Farrell, community engagement officer for guide dogs in Shropshire, Staffordshire and the Black Country, said: "We need to train more dogs which we can't do without the puppy walkers."

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Model Erin 'humbled' by towering accolade

Erin towered above the Queen during the ceremony

SIX-FOOT model Erin O'Connor has admitted she felt very tall standing in front of the Queen as she was honoured with an MBE. Honoured for her services to fashion and charity, she said the experience of collecting her honour was 'surreal', but one that was 'incredible and humbling'.

During the investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace, O'Connor admitted she felt 'very tall'.

"Her Majesty is someone I greatly admire and I am still shocked that I got to meet her in this lifetime so that feels really special," the 39-year-old Brownhills model said.

"This has probably been the ultimate experience of my life." The former Brownhills Community School pupil dressed in a black velvet coat, featuring a military front and bustle back, along with silk ruffles on the sleeves.

Know your rights plea to bargain shoppers

PEOPLE looking for bargains are being urged to get to know their rights and avoid scams. Consumer laws were updated in 2015 and aim to give greater clarity in store or online.

The Consumer Rights Act includes legislation to allow a full refund on faulty goods within 30 days of purchase, an ability to challenge unfair terms and conditions or those hidden in small print.

People also have the ability to demand poor services are redone or that there is a price reduction.

In addition the laws cover faulty digital goods such as online films, games, music and e-books.

Suggests

Staffordshire County Council says consumers can also take a few simple steps to reduce the chances of falling victim to scams and fraud.

People should be aware that websites sometimes use a domain name that falsely suggests they are UK-based.

They should be particularly wary of goods being offered for sale on social media.

The council's communities leader Councillor Gill Heath said: "Black Friday is a fairly recent event for UK retailers to focus on but has grown in popularity in recent years, particularly with online sales.

"People have already started Christmas shopping and this will be an extremely busy period until the new year.

"We want to remind people of their rights and be aware of potential pitfalls when they're shopping over the next few weeks.

"Consumer laws apply to online or in store trade so it's a good idea to familiarise yourself with them."

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By Simon Stone

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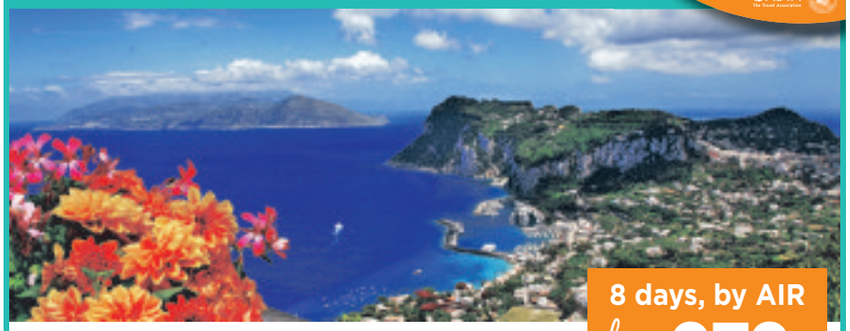

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Families get preview of Forest learning centre

A NEW environmental education centre has been officially opened on the site of a former sewage treatment works.

More than 400 people attended the ceremony at Hilton Green near Featherstone which tied in with a Forest of Mercia winter fair.

Over 100 fruit trees were given away to families on the day, and Fairtrade goodies were provided to take home.

The site has undergone a significant transformation in two years. Forest of Mercia, established in the area for 30 years, became a Community Interest Company earlier this year and took over the lease for the land.

Beginning

Its vision has brought life and activity back to the derelict site in Hilton Lane, Essington, which looks set to become a popular centre of environmental education and learning for all in the local area.

Becky Banks, one of the three directors at Forest of Mercia, said: "It was fantastic to see so many people at this special event.

"It marks the beginning of the site being used much more regularly, and we have great plans for future events on site. We're now open from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday, so I would urge everyone to come and see what the site can offer.

"Members of the public are welcome to come and visit the site for walking or relaxation.

"We plan on having a regular coffee mornings on site and an outdoor play-group will start in the new year.

"The winter fair was to celebrate the completion of phase one, and we are now raring to go with phase two, which will involve the creation of allotments, a natural play area and more car parking. We are always looking for volunteers, schools or community groups who would like to be involved with the project in some way."

Sir Harry Studholme, who cut the ribbon on the green oak classroom to officially open the site, said: "The work of Becky Banks and all the team at the Forest of Mercia in creating the magic of their Hilton Green site is truly inspirational."

Volunteer groups and local organisations and businesses involved in the project and funding partners include South Staffordshire Council, Veolia Environmental Trust, Jaguar Land Rover, Travis Perkins, Greggs, South Staffs Water and Dobbies Garden Centres.

Forestry Commission chairman Sir Harry Studholme opens the new site

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Investing in help for vulnerable

IN response to the letter 'Main losers are the most vulnerable' (November 9).

NHS England and the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, have, in fact, approved Staffordshire's Better Care Fund plan to increase the speed with which people leave hospital as soon as they are fit and well enough. Staffordshire's plan for this winter has been praised regionally and nationally for its effectiveness.

The county council agrees wholeheartedly with the idea of working closely with the NHS to ensure people live at home or in their community as long as possible.

Our HomeFirst scheme for residents leaving hospital has been held up as a national example of best practice since it was introduced as a pilot in the north of the county. It is now being rolled out across the south and east of Staffordshire.

I can assure readers we are investing in services to ensure the most vulnerable receive the support they need.

CLLR ALAN WHITE
Staffordshire County Council

Well done, Rickshaw fundraisers

CONGRATULATIONS to Matt Baker and the Rickshaw team for giving the people of Cannock the opportunity to take part in such a high-profile event.

However, could our elected members of any or all political persuasions show a little interest.

I believe that I did see one councillor there, but obviously in a private capacity.

Secondly, and more pointedly, the top of the Wolverhampton Road, between Queen Street and Market Square, should have been blocked off, as motorists were still trying to drive through.

MARGARET PRICE
Cannock

It's time to call halt on Brexit

THE ill-fated experiment of leaving the EU causes yet more heartache.

Davis's 'piece of cake' negotiations are a farce, clear-thinking people can see that the UK will have to agree to pay a very large sum of money, just to reach the stage of discussing a trade deal with the EU.

Tory MPs are so fearful of their positions they will not be truthful to the electorate.

Meanwhile, Labour is giving no alternative leadership. We have about 12 months to go before a deal has to be ready to be agreed, but Davis says, in effect, trust me.

Why should we trust him when every major Leave promise has been shown to be either faulty or non-deliverable? Time to call a halt.

DAVID TAYLOR
Wombourne

Another opportunity to address this injustice

WHEN hospitals, the police, local authorities or other offices of the state are involved in an inquest, they often have legal representation funded by the public purse.

Yet the family suffering a bereavement is likely to be refused the same publicly funded legal aid.

The Home Secretary's adviser on the Hillsborough disaster, the Right Reverend James Jones, has now said there is a 'pressing need' for families to be represented. This cannot be yet another missed opportunity to address this injustice.

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Meters not so smart

MP Amanda Milling asserts that we must sign up to smart meters (Chronicle, November 16).

Despite adverts saying fitting is free we pay through hidden levies. Why are we forced to pay for reducing power companies's costs by making meter readers redundant and how do smart meters save us money?

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Pupils inspired to be their very best

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Landywood Primary School is going from strength to strength with "a culture of high expectations providing a good education" – Ofsted 2017.

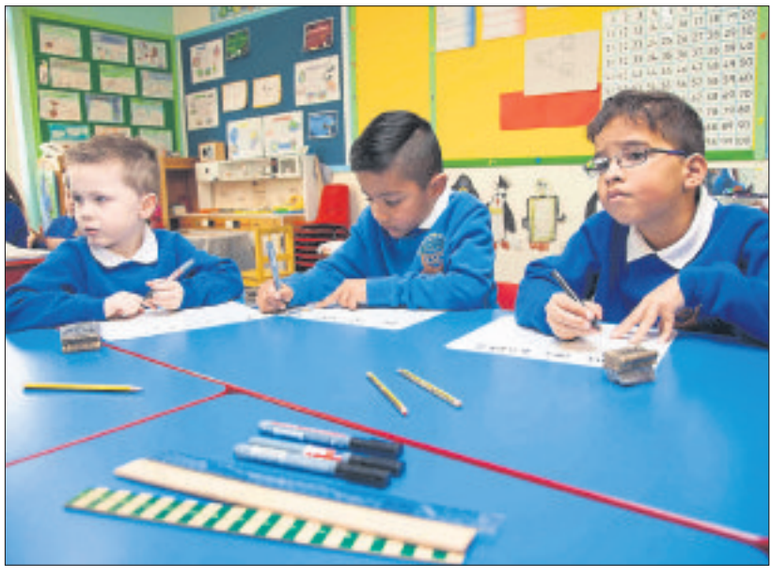
The chair of Landywood's School Council, eleven-year-old Oliver, stated: "Landywood has improved so much because of the excellent teachers.

More and more children are coming to Landywood because learning is fun and it inspires pupils to be their very best."

In February 2017, Ofsted graded Landywood 'Good' in all areas.

In July 2017, Landywood achieved its best ever Year 6 SATS results – 85 per cent of pupils achieving the national expectation in reading, writing and maths.

Landywood's younger children also achieved exceptional results: 91 per cent of Year 1 pupils achieved the national expected phonics threshold; the Early Years pupils achieved higher than the national average, making the school one of the top performing Early Years provisions in Staffordshire.



Changes that have taken place over the past 12 months at the school are showing a real impact

Pupils participate in an on-site Forest Schools programme

Enjoy

Landywood has a new leadership team, and the changes that have taken place over the past 12 months at the school are showing a real impact.

The school's new Creative Curriculum has English and maths at its core, with experiential learning a focus during afternoons and during the school's Foundation Fridays.

Ofsted stated: "Pupils enjoy the opportunities the school offers and are positive about learning."

The breadth of the curriculum is a feature of the school.

Pupils participate in an on-site Forest Schools programme, making use of the school's extensive grounds, under the guidance and expertise of the school's own qualified Forest School teacher.

Every child from the age of seven is provided with a musical instrument and, through weekly lessons, taught by qualified musical experts in preparation for the school's summer musical extravaganza.

Landywood has built its reputation on nurturing the whole child, and the wellbeing of the children was complimented by Ofsted.

Ninety nine per cent of parents stated their child feels safe and happy at the school. A full residential programme from Years 2 to 6 develops pupils' resilience, team work and independence.

Strength

Landywood prides itself on being a healthy school, where last year over 70 per cent of children aged seven-plus participated in at least one hour of subsidised extra-curricular clubs, including karate, dance, tri-golf and football. The on-site school catering team provide outstanding, nutritionally balanced meals, made from a selection of locally sourced ingredients.

The Early Years team at the school was identified by Ofsted as a real strength, and the integrated provision enables children from the age of three to participate in challenging, engaging, fun learning. Landywood now offers up to 30 hours free nursery places and also enables parents to purchase additional hours where required. Through the school's before and after school club, Treehouse Club, children from the age of three are able to arrive at school from 7.45am each morning and stay until 5.45pm each evening.

If you are currently choosing your child's reception or nursery place, the school warmly invites you to visit the school and see for yourself what the school has to offer.

Places are also available in other year groups. Please contact the school on 01922 270077.

Award for Speak Up work

STAFFORDSHIRE and Stoke-on-Trent NHS Partnership Trust has been commended for its efforts to create an environment where staff feel comfortable to raise concerns. The trust was runner-up in the Speaking up Together category at the first Freedom to Speak Up Awards. Hosted by the National Guardian's Office the awards recognise the dedication and excellence of Freedom to Speak Up Guardians working in NHS trusts. The Speaking up Together award recognises the connections and partnerships that are being forged to enable all staff to speak up.

'Your towns need you' appeal to shoppers

CANNOCK Chase Council is supporting Small Business Saturday and asking residents to support the district's town centres.

Small Business Saturday UK is a grassroots campaign to support, promote and inspire small businesses. It also encourages consumers to shop local and support the independent shops in our town centres. The day takes place on the first Saturday in December every year.

But it is hoped that the campaign will have a lasting impact for small businesses.

Small Business Saturday 2017 will take place on December 2, with activities throughout the district and in particular in Cannock town centre, sponsored by the Chase Chamber of Commerce and Cannock Chase Traders Association.

Councillor Diane Todd, left, with Louisa Van Leeuwen who runs Pretty Little Strange in Cannock

Organised

On the day, there will be a range of entertainment including children's amusements, donkey rides, a Santa's grotto, a music man appearance, market stalls and a tombola, the fun will start from 9am until 5pm.

In Hednesford there will be a Christmas Artisan Market in the town centre, organised by Hednesford in Partnership, which runs from 9am until 4pm and will include craft stalls, farmers produce and street foods.

Although Rugeley does not have an event on Small Business Saturday, the town's Christmas lights will be switched on tomorrow (Friday). The day starts at 2pm with many events organised by the Rugeley Lotto Events team.

There will be an outdoor market, an ice skating rink, a bucking reindeer and snow machines. The lights will be switched on at 5pm and there will be fireworks at 8pm to end the evening

Councillor Diane Todd, town centre regeneration portfolio leader, said: "Small Business Saturday is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and support the smaller independent shops in our town centres."

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Burntwood councillor asks for rethink on bus cutbacks

A DECISION to cut £1.3 million from bus services in Staffordshire has been called in by a Burntwood councillor for further scrutiny.

Staffordshire County Council last week rubber stamped the move to slash its subsidy funding in April by half. The decision puts some services, including Dial-A-Ride, at risk as they were entirely dependent on county council backing.

By Jordan Harris

The authority justified the move by saying it had to prioritise social care which was costing £300m this year alone.

However, Councillor Sue Woodward, who represents Burntwood North on the county council, has asked that the decision be called in at a corporate review committee meeting on Tuesday, December 5, saying the move may lead to isolation for vulnerable residents.

She said: "There has, as yet, been insufficient research into opportunities to develop community-based transport schemes which may help to mitigate the impact of the withdrawal of subsidised services.

"I am concerned about the impact of those who are just about managing to maintain their independence without reliance on care support but who may become more isolated without these bus services and in need of public services.

"The longer-term financial pressures do not appear to have been fully recognised. The effect of the withdrawal of bus services on small local businesses in more rural areas has not been taken fully into account or researched."

The decision made at a Staffordshire County Council cabinet meeting on November 15 followed a public consultation completed by 2,000 people.

Staffordshire County Council supports the county's network of buses and Dial-A-Ride services by paying out £2.6 million a year.

But next April, the subsidy will be reduced to £1.3m.

The Redemption Brothers will host Burntwood Folk Club's final open mic night of the year

Last open mic night of the year

BURNTWOOD Folk Club has a final open mic night for this year on December 6.

This free event is open to all who appreciate performing and listening to acoustic music in a dedicated room.

Previous nights have played host to genres including blues, acoustic pop, Celtic, sea shanties and traditional folk. Musicians are welcome to turn up on the night, although booking a slot is recommended.

Microphones, PA system and amplifiers (both acoustic and bass) are provided, with the option available for high-quality live recordings to be made. Hosted by club regulars The Redemption Brothers, the event runs from 8pm to 10.30pm.

For further details and to watch videos of past performances visit facebook.com/burntwoodfolk

Festival is highlight of festivities

A CHRISTMAS Festival is taking place at Sankey's Corner from 4pm to 7pm on Saturday, December 2.

The Christmas tree lights will be switched on, and the 1st Chase Terrace Scout Group Band will play. There is face painting in Munchies café, a mini-zoo in Emmanuel Church and soup and crafts in Beacon Community Church, all free.

A Christmas fair is being staged from 3 to 6pm at Burntwood Library, where children can visit Santa. Call 01543 677166.

Meanwhile, Father Christmas is out and about during the switch-on of festive lights around Burntwood.

Switch-on events take place in Bells Lane, Boney Hay, on November 28 and High Street, Chasetown, on November 30, from 6 to 8pm at each location.

Help scheme on heating

A HELP to Heat scheme is being run by Lichfield District Council.

It advises on obtaining grants towards heating and insulation upgrades.

The criteria to be eligible for funding has widened and local households no longer need to receive benefits to qualify. Call 0800 677 1543 or email advice@mea.org.uk or enquiries@beatcold.org.uk

Centre set for transfer to school

THE management of a leisure centre is about to be handed over to King Edward VI School in Lichfield.

The district council announced its intention to withdraw from the lease of King Edward VI Leisure Centre in 2016.

Since then, work has been going on to transfer it back to Staffordshire County Council for the school to manage.

The leisure centre will close to the public on Sunday, December 17.

Following the Christmas break, King Edward VI School will reopen the leisure centre on Monday, January 8 as part of its school facilities, which will be available to local clubs to use on a lettings basis.

To find out more about the council's leisure services visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/leisurereveiew

Alternative comedy show

THE Lichfield Garrick is again teaming up with theatre company New Old Friends to create an alternative Christmas comedy.

Crimes on the Christmas Express, inspired by Agatha Christie, 39 Steps and Jason Bourne, runs in the Studio Theatre from December 8 to January 8.

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Legend's daughter: I want fans to have mementoes

IT could be a dream Christmas for the fans who snap up the chance to own a memento from one of the greatest footballers who ever lived, Sir Stanley Matthews.

His daughter, Jean Matthews-Gough, has decided to auction off several items relating to the England, Stoke and Blackpool football legend.

"I want football fans to have the opportunity to own something that belonged to Stanley Matthews," she said.

"They are gathering dust in drawers and cupboards. Although they mean a lot to me it seems a shame to have them hidden away.

"Pop was not one for memorabilia. He never lived in the past – he was all for the future. He got his happiness from people, not from things. I am sure he would have approved."

Jean with a photo of her father coaching in Africa
Picture courtesy of Hansons

Stanley Matthews on his 'throne' in Africa
Picture from Jean's private collection

The football legend on Blackpool beach with daughter Jean, left, and her friend Maureen Hunter
Picture from Jean's private collection

Career

Lots up for auction at Hansons Auctioneers in Derbyshire on Monday include:

- A giant scrapbook crammed with newspaper cuttings which document much of his football career from the 1930s (estimate £200-£300)
- A dress shirt he often wore (£500-£700)
- A tea service given to all the players from around the world who took part in Matthews' testimonial match in 1965 (£1,200-£1,800)

But for Jean, aged 78, who lives in Newcastle-under-Lyme with husband Bob, 82, there is one item above all others up for auction that symbolises what meant the most to her father – a 'throne' made for him when he was crowned Football King of Ghana.

The a small carved wooden stool (estimate £1,000-£1,500), was given to Matthews by the people of Ghana, to honour him for his sporting dedication to youngsters in their country.

"For Pop, coaching young people, and teaching them the values of life, meant everything to him," Jean added.

Matthews' beliefs rubbed off on his two children, Stanley and Jean. Stanley became a professional tennis player and Jean a tennis coach. That warmth of character has rubbed off on Jean, who has three children, all brought up in South Africa, and eight grandchildren.

Her warm nature and smile are a chip off the old block, hence her decision to part with some of her father's mementos. "I just wanted to do something for his fans," she said.

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1pc of county claiming out-of-work benefits

STAFFORDSHIRE is continuing to see near full employment with one per cent of the local population claiming out-of-work benefits, new figures show.

Across the county, there were 110 fewer claiming at 5,375 with Stafford having a fall of 30 to 700. South Staffordshire, including Penkridge, bucked the trend with15 more claiming at 780 (1.2 per cent).

The county's claimant percentage is lower than both the regional (2.3 per cent) and national (1.9 per cent) figures.

Staffordshire County Council's economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said: "It is of course good news that we're seeing low claimant count figures month on month in Staffordshire and our real focus now is to ensure jobs being created here are better paid.

"A more prosperous and healthy county is good for everyone and means we can focus our resources where they are really needed."

Lowest

Unemployment continued to fall in the West Midlands in the three months to September, with 8,000 fewer out of work.

The 155,000 registered as unemployed represents a regional unemployment rate of 5.5 per cent – the joint highest in the UK – and the employment rate of 72.4 per cent is the second lowest in the country.

Nationally, unemployment was down by 59,000 to 1.4 million, the lowest figure in more than 12 years with a rate of 4.3 per cent, the latest Office for Nationals Statistics figures revealed.

The number of people in work fell by 14,000 – the biggest reduction in more than two years – to just over 32 million.

Average earnings increased by 2.2 per cent in the year to September, down by 0.1 per cent on the previous month and by 0.3 per cent on a year ago.

Firm's elite partner status

Mark Garstang, right, Coolair Southern regional director, receives the company's new partnership certification from Mitsubishi Electric's Dean Flint

AIR conditioning installation specialist Coolair Equipment has boosted its reputation for outstanding quality after being awarded a new industry-leading accreditation.

The contractor, based at Brookfield Drive on Walsall Road, Cannock, has gained the status of Mitsubishi Electric diamond quality partner. "The diamond quality partner status recognises that Coolair has achieved exceptional levels of training, skills and customer satisfaction," said Deane Flint, sales and marketing director for Mitsubishi Electric.

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'Better care needed' for neurological conditions

MEDICAL professionals are being urged to improve the way they care for people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and motor neurone disease in Staffordshire.

Delays in referrals to specialist services were highlighted as a particular stumbling block following an inspection carried out by watchdog Healthwatch Staffordshire, in collaboration with Healthwatch Stoke-on-Trent.

The study, dubbed Not NICE Enough, is supported by the Staffordshire Neurological Alliance.

In it, 52 sufferers of the debilitating neurological conditions were interviewed to map their experiences against the national NICE guidelines of the clinical pathway they should experience.

There are currently no known cures for any of the three conditions.

The results showed gaps in the quality of care received by people living with the three conditions across the six clinical commissioning groups, or CCGs, of Cannock Chase, Stafford, East Staffs, North Staffs, South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsula, and Stoke-on-Trent.

For those with motor neurone disease, it found a lack of support for family and carers as well as delays in giving out equipment and 'end of life' care planning support.

Those suffering with Parkinson's faced delays to see specialists in Stoke, plus a lack of access to physiotherapy.

And for those suffering multiple sclerosis, people in Cannock Chase reported a lack of follow-up care after diagnosis.

Almost 80 per cent of respondents reported satisfaction that comprehensive reviews of the condition by healthcare professionals were carried out.

As a result of the research carried out by Healthwatch Staffordshire, the CCGs have been urged to recruit specialist nurses, rehabilitation and occupational therapists.

Group learn about canal challenges

Peter Buck addresses Lichfield Science and Engineering Society members at Borrrowcop Locks Canal Park

A GROUP of science and engineering enthusiasts gathered on the towpath of Lichfield Canal to learn about the challenges faced by volunteers restoring the waterway.

Guiding 60 members of the Lichfield Science and Engineering Society, Peter Buck, chief engineer of the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust, and Bob Williams, the trust's finance director, explained the recent progress of the ambitious project to bring the seven-mile stretch back to life.

The group joined the Heritage Towpath Trail at Tamworth Road. Finishing the tour at Birmingham Road, the society members were told of one of the trust's challenge to build a tunnel under the Cross-City line at the same time as a tunnel is constructed to take the extension to the Southern Bypass.

Diabetes advice sessions

CLINICAL Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for Staffordshire have announced there will be a number of education sessions in the new year for newly diagnosed or existing patients who have type 2 diabetes.

The sessions will be part of a funding boost of £186,000 the CCGs have received to improve the care and treatment of local diabetes patients.

Figures from Diabetes UK show the cost to local NHS services as a result of diabetes is currently £205 million, and is predicted to increase to £252m and £328m by 2020 and 2030 respectively.

The upcoming sessions, named My Diabetes, will help patients to better manage their diabetes, including implications to their lifestyles, foot care and mental health and will aim to improve the uptake of structured education.

Further information on upcoming 'My Diabetes' sessions will be announced shortly.

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Pupils learn meaning of remembrance

Some of the pupils with a wreath made for the Great Wyrley remembrance parade

CHILDREN at Landywood Primary School have been looking at Remembrance Day as part of their new Creative Curriculum.

Having studied the topic in class, the pupils wanted to find a way that the whole school could get involved.

Headteacher Andrew Clewer said: "It is important that the next generation remember the sacrifice people made, and our children have been proud to take part in such an important event in their local area."

Every child in the school made a poppy from an egg box and then each class placed them on the ground outside the school, replicating the poppies in the fields of Europe.

Additionally, children made a wreath which was taken by pupils to the Great Wyrley remembrance parade and laid at the memorial alongside other tributes from the community.

They also took part in a minute's silence in their remembrance assembly.

Exercise for the brain

A TEACHER from Cheslyn Hay has set up a company to teach adults French ina bid to prevent the onset of dementia.

Jane Handley said: "There is increasing scientific evidence that suggests that we need to exercise our brain as well as our body if we want to live a healthier life for longer.

"Learning a language involves learning new skills, meeting with other people and is mentally stimulating. These are the things that help to keep our brain in good shape – as well as having fun, of course."

The lessons offered by JLH Languages teach French through a series of conversations rather than learning individual words.

They take place at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, Great Wyrley Library and Cannock Library. Participants include complete beginners as well as people who want to practise the French they already know.

Taster

French taster sessions will take place in January in Cannock, Walsall and Wolverhampton. Visit www.jlhlanguages.org for details. Call Jane on 07793 556020 or email her at jane@jlhlanguages.org

NEWS IN BRIEF

Santa Dash will suit fundraisers

FUNDRAISERS are being invited to run a mile in Penkridge's Santa Dash.

All runners get a signed certificate and the £5 entry fee includes a Santa suit. All proceeds from the run on December 3 will go to Penkridge Round Table. Santa suits can be ordered from santa-dash@outlook.com or by calling 07974 319569.

Masquerade will be theme for ball

THE mayor of Lichfield is holding an annual charity ball on Saturday.

Councillor Janice Greaves is encouraging people to wear a costume in keeping with the theme of masquerade for the event at the Guildhall.

Tickets are £35 including a four-course dinner plus entertainment. Call 01543 309854 for more details.

Fashion show is in aid of hospice

CANNOCK Friends of Katharine House Hospice are holding a fundraising fashion show and shopping event on Tuesday at 7.30pm at Roman Way Hotel on Watling Street, Cannock.

Tickets available from Mim's Moms Coffee Bar Cannock or Daisy Chain Gifts, Hednesford. Contact 07708 662652 or cfk2408@hotmail.com

Rock Dogs at Talbot

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at The Talbot in Heath Hayes at 9.15pm on Saturday. The band play covers by the likes of Foo Fighters, Oasis, Stereophonics and Kings of Leon among others. Admission is free and there is a late bar.

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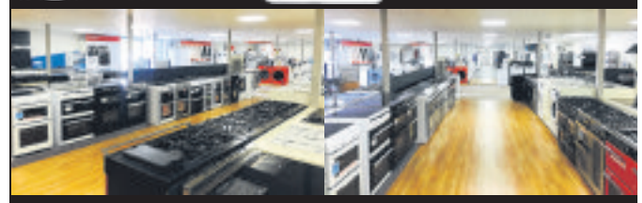

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24-hour gym plan is unveiled for former Tesco Express site

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Former Tesco Express, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace – conversion of building to form three units within the footprint of the existing building, comprising one 24-hour gym (D2) and two retail units (A1), including four new disabled parking spaces and bin store with associated landscaping.

2 Kipling Avenue, Burntwood – installation of dormer window to form en suite.

159 Highfields Road, Chasetown – erection of three-bedroom detached house.

5 Lea Hall Drive, Burntwood – two-storey rear, single-storey side and front extensions to form kitchen, entrance hall, garage, utility, dining room and bedroom.

Land adjacent Kingfisher Court, Nightingale Walk, Burntwood – works to trees.

7 Squires Gate, Burntwood – work to oak trees (T1, T2, T3): crown thin by 10 to 15 per cent and remove major deadwood and prune branches which are encroaching on the building to obtain 2m clearance.

Posh Paws Cattery, Westview Cottage, Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre – replacement of wooden outside runs of cattery with steel and mesh with poly-carbonate roof.

Ridware Hall, Wade Lane, Hill Ridware – installation of electronically controlled metal entrance gates and posts.

Bank Farm, Godwins Lane, Blithbury – erection of detached garage, replacing existing garage and part of section of shed both to be demolished.

54 Ford Way, Armitage – single-storey extension to form bedroom with en suite.

Deadline for comments: December 11.

Reggie Bear in call for more foster carers

'WE need your help to find more foster carers' is the Christmas message from Reggie Bear, Staffordshire County Council's fostering service mascot. Reggie's call is part of the council's latest campaign to highlight the urgent need for more foster carers.

The campaign wants people to pick up a picture of Reggie from their local library or download it from www.care4child.org and take a festive photo with him in it. People then need to post it on Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag #ReggieFosterBear and tag a friend who they think would make a great foster carer.

Everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw to win a £100 Love to Shop Voucher.

Reggie

Mark Sutton, cabinet member for children and young people at Staffordshire County Council, explained that this was a fun campaign in the run-up to Christmas that would hopefully get more people thinking about fostering.

He said: "Foster carers play a key role in transforming children's lives.

"And, as Christmas is a time when families get together, we are asking people across Staffordshire to think about whether they could welcome a local child into their home or if they know someone who they think could foster."

There are currently around 400 fostering households in Staffordshire and with the number of children needing a loving home on the increase, more families are being urged to come forward.

People interested in becoming a foster carer can find out more at www.care4child.org or on 0800 1692061.

The competition closes at midnight on December 31, with the winner being announced in early January.

School raises £234 for the Pudsey fund

From left, Sophie Moseley, Toni Dadd, Tayah Trumble, Miss Sarah-Jane Roberts, Deklan Roseblade, Prabjodh Deol, Mrs Dodd and Ethan Morris-Brown

WOLGARSTON High School took part in fundraising for Children In Need on Friday.

It held a non-uniform day to raise money for the charity as well as its annual bake sale in the library.

The catering team also made and sold Pudsey shortbread biscuits.

" I think it is great that as students we are given the opportunity to take part in events like these," Year 13 student Sophie Moseley said.

"That we as young adults are able to help others in need within our communities and nationally too."

The fundraising total from the bake sale and Pudsey biscuits is £234.47.

● Pupils at Chase Grammar School held a cake sale for Children In Need. Following a visit from Pudsey Bear the children at the school in Convent Close, Cannock, were

Bins service reminders

LICHFIELD District Council's waste service will be delivering bin calendars to all local homes.

The calendars will tell residents what colour bins to put out and also include information about bin collections over the festive period. A leaflet will also introduce the new garden waste service, for which there is a charge from 2018.

Ale fans make festival most successful yet

THE fourth Cannock Chase Camra Real Ale and Cider Festival held at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Church Street, Cannock in September was the most successful yet with 1,162 people attending over the three days.

Forty three volunteers helped out at the event, and nearly all of the 63 casks of ale were drunk, along with 26 boxes of cider and 309 bottles of beer.

There were 42 new Camra members signed up during the festival and £480 was raised for the two festival charities – Sepsis UK and Aoibheann's Pink Tie, a children's cancer charity. The 5th Cannock Chase Camra Real Ale and Cider Festival will take place at the same venue from September 20 to 22, 2018.

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Why Anton's in the mood for singing

We start with a moment described perfectly accurately and unlasciviously on YouTube as this: Ruth Langsford rides Anton Du Beke.

For those just back from a long holiday in Outer Mongolia, we'll recap. At the start of the month, Strictly's Anton Du Beke unexpectedly found himself pinned to the ground beneath the beautiful, perfectly-manicured Singapore-born presenter. And then she sort of wriggled a bit. And shimmied. Jeez.

Anton laughs. No doubt he's recounted that moment dozens of times, but he's game again this morning. Was he horrified when the two of them went down?

He laughs again. "No, I told Ruth it had been her best move."

There's a pause. Then we both laugh.

"It was one of those things. It was not her fault. Everything goes into slow motion when things like that happen.

"You think: 'I've got this, I'll just adjust.' Then it's 'Jesus, I don't think I've got this. And you wait for the ground to arrive at your back side.'"

Anton thought it was a hoot when it happened – and still does.

"It was hilarious. It was one of the funniest moments ever on strictly. The crowd went mad."

We have more to talk about, however, like Anton's forthcoming tour and his decision to try to emulate his Rat Pack heroes like Frank and Sammy D.

Anton, TV's most sartorial man, is The Entertainer. And in addition to tripping the light fantastic on Strictly, he's been recording a debut album in the studio, From The Top.

Best moves – Anton with Strictly dance partner Ruth Langsford

PASSION

"I'm so excited to announce my debut album. It's been a passion project of mine for years to be able to do something like this.

"I hope people enjoy it. I've loved every second of it. There's some old songs. Some new songs. And definitely some songs you can dance to."

It features classics like Putting On The Ritz, Fly Me To The Moon, Don't Rain On My Parade and It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year.

It's something he'd wanted to do forever, but took a while to bring together.

"I'm never quite sure how one gets from Point A to Point B sometimes. The same was true when I was watching Fred Astaire when I was young, I wanted to be like him but I wasn't sure of the path from a Church Hall in Kent to becoming Fred Astaire. And with music, I've never been sure how to get from the shower to singing Fly Me To The Moon in a studio with a great producer."

Anton worked on the record with Polydor and he was delighted with their support.

"You just want someone to say to you: 'Listen, it's great, keep going.' You get self conscious and you don't really know whether it's any good. But it's been a wonderful experience.

"It's the music of my life. It's music I loved growing up with and music I danced to. Being able to sing it and get others dancing is the greatest joy."

Anton grew up watching the greats. He was enchanted by Sammy Davis Jr, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra as well as the wonderful arrangements by Nelson Riddle and Quincy Jones. He worked with a 36-piece orchestra on his album to create new arrangements and the results are plain to see.

Anton is habitually tied up during the run-in to Christmas, what, with Strictly an all. But he'll be road testing some of the songs when he tours the UK from January to March.

"I'll be back on tour after the new year and I'll be coming back to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham – I do love that venue. I'll be dancing and singing, as I normally do. But if anybody's been to see me on tour, they know I sing a bit both on Strictly and on my own tours.

"I keep saying this, I don't want it to sound odd, but the sound of the album is incredible. It's such a brilliant sound they put together in the studio."

The team who worked with Anton to produce his album blew him away. They were simultaneously supportive and honest, scrutinising everything he did to make sure he reached his potential.

"I worked with a guy called Brian Rawlings, who has worked with the greats. He's done projects with Andrea Boccelli, Cher, everyone. When I went to the studio, the walls were lined with platinum discs."

It was one of the funniest moments ever on Strictly. The crowd went mad

So does Anton want to follow in those footsteps? Does he want to be lining his own walls with a bunch of silver, gold and platinum discs? You can bet he does.

"I hope it goes absolutely massive, I hope I get a platinum disc and people say it's incredible. But we'll have to wait and see whether that actually happens, we'll have to wait and see. I love it so much that I want other people to love it.

"This type of big band music is still being done and has stood the test of time. We'll have to wait and see in the future what still gets repeated in the same way from today's era. The songs I've re-recorded are great in their own right. The hard bit for me was choosing what to leave out."

In the final analysis, making people happy is what The Entertainer is all about. And he plans to keep dancing for as long as possible. "For now, I still love dancing. Doing the paso doble and samba and ripping my trousers off – I live for those moments. Or dancing with Nadiya and doing a beautiful foxtrot while Seal is singing: those are the moments you live for."

Andy Richardson

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Festive favourite The Nutcracker

Christmas cracker of a ballet is a traditional treat

Birmingham Royal Ballet's annual festive treat, The Nuctracker, opens at Birmingham Hippodrome tomorrow night (Friday).

Sir Peter Wright's magical production runs until December 13 and has been an annual seasonal tradition since the company moved from London and took on the city's name more than 25 years ago.

This world-acclaimed production with its classic story of an incredible Christmas journey, features glorious dancing and instantly recognisable romantic music from Tchaikovsky.

Join Clara as she is swept into an enchanting winter wonderland of whirling snowflakes, a handsome prince, wicked rats and a Sugar Plum Fairy.

It is spectacular with lavish costumes and monumenal sets, and amazing effects including a Christmas tree that grows before your eyes and Clara's flight on the back of a swan to a magical land.

The Nutcracker has captured the hearts and imaginations of generations of theatregoers, becoming an annual fixture at the Hippodrome, which is Birmingham Royal Ballet's home theatre. In fact, Christmas in Birmingham just wouldn't be the same without it.

In this most festive of ballets 60 dancers and a full orchestra – the Royal Ballet Sinfonia – combine to make the perfect Christmas treat for the entire family.

This production with exquisite designs by John Macfarlane is acclaimed as one of the best in the world.

Grease is still the one that you want

Grease is the word at Wolverhampton Grand where the latest tour of the much-loved rock 'n' roll musical arrives on Monday and will run until Saturday, December 2.

Tom Parker, pictured, formerly of boy band The Wanted, is making make his musical theatre debut as Danny Zuko, the role made famous in the movie by the young John Travolta.

Danielle Hope, who was Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium after winning BBC TV's Over The Rainbow, will step into Olivia Newton-John's high heel shoes as Sandy.

Wisecracking Rizzo will be played by EastEnders and The Bill star Louisa Lytton, one of the youngest Strictly Come Dancing competitors in 2006. George Olney is Teen Angel/Vince Fontaine.

Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's musical, set in an American high school during the rock 'n' roll era, features such songs as You're The One That I Want, Summer Nights, Greased Lightnin' and Hopelessly Devoted To You. It has been choreographed by Arlene Phillips and directed by David Gilmore, who was also at the helm for stage versions of Happy Days and Footloose.

This production opened in the West End, where it had a six year run, and has toured ever since.

It's a Cruella winter at the Rep

Birmingham Rep is set for a paw-some festive season with The Hundred and One Dalmatians on stage from Thursday (November 30) to January 13. Debbie Isitt (Nativity!) adapts the family favourite story by Dodie Smith, which was turned into an animated classic by Disney. It is brought to life on stage with puppetry devised by director Tessa Walker and designer Jamie Vartan. Former Birmingham student Gloria Onitiri, above, makes her Rep debut as wicked Cruella de Vil.

Rag'N'Bone Man is only Human at Civic

One of the breakout stars of 2017, Rag'N'Bone Man, has sold out the Civic Hall on Monday for his first Wolverhampton gig. Without doubt 2017 has been his year, emerging from the Brighton music scene, his debut album has been a huge hit worldwide, containing the international hit Human, which went to Number 1 on iTunes in more than 40 countries.

The harmonious sound of America folk-rockers Fleet Foxes can be heard at the Civic tomorrow night (Friday), whilst punk veterans Sham 69 are at the Slade Rooms. There's a sell-out again at the venue on Saturday for former leading members of The Beautiful South, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott.

Highlights at the Robin 2 in Bilston include '80s duo China Crisis on Sunday and former Zombies frontman Colin Blunstone on Monday.

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SATURDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 25

CHOICE

Joe Orton

Joe Orton Laid Bare (BBC2, 9pm)

Documentary exploring the wit, work and world of Joe Orton, the Leicester-born playwright and author whose flourishing literary career was cut short when he was killed by his boyfriend Kenneth Halliwell in 1967. Fifty years after his demise, this film charts Orton's meteoric rise to fame following his imprisonment in 1962 for defacing library books. Orton believed his sentence was unduly harsh, and had more to do with the fact he was homosexual than the crime itself, but his time in prison allowed him to crystallise his distinctive worldview. Here, excerpts from his stage and TV plays, along with his personal diaries, outline his outrageous perspective, and the circumstances of his death are re-examined.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigella: At My Table. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Rugby League World Cup. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Australia (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **5.45** BBC News. **5.55** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Simon Wood, Jane Devonshire, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Sam Bailey, Michelle McManus, George Sampson and Jermaine Jackson take part in a "TV Winner" edition of the quiz show.

6.50 Strictly Come Dancing. The seven remaining pro-celebrity duos return to the Elstree studio, in the wake of their expedition to the Lancashire coast last weekend for the annual Blackpool Tower special. The competition will be no less intense on coming back to familiar territory, though, as the celebrities and their seasoned dancing partners draw closer to the grand final. Judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Darcey Bussell and Craig Revel Horwood are on hand to assess each pairing's skills as they all tackle the Paso Doble at the same time in a "Pasodoblathon". As ever, though, the impressing the judges is only half of the battle, as the stars must also gain the approval of the viewing public, who are given a chance to have their say over who should stay in the running.

8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show. EastEnders star Danny Dyer hands over his phone in Celebrity Sent to All, and Gary Barlow puts in a special appearance. Plus, performances by Russell Kane and Clean Bandit.

9.10 Casualty. Connie attends her first day of chemotherapy, and when Ethan tries to take the lead in her absence, his overly thorough approach causes massive delays.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Liverpool v Chelsea, and Tottenham Hotspur v West Bromwich Albion.

11.45 The NFL Show.

12.15 Film: Obsessed. (2009) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

7.30 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **8.00** Deadly 60. (R) **8.30** Show Me What You're Made Of: UK. **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up! **11.00** Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge. (R) **12.00** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **12.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.20** Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.10 Film:** Daddy Long Legs. (1955) Romantic musical, starring Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron. **4.15** Britain Afloat. **4.45** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.30 International Rugby Union. England v Samoa. Sara Orchard presents action from the autumn international at Twickenham, which saw England attempt to extend their unbeaten run against the Samoans.

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring camps the platoon in the middle of a firing range, forcing Corporal Jones to make a desperate effort to raise the alarm. (R)

9.00 Joe Orton Laid Bare. Documentary charting the rise to fame of playwright and author Joe Orton, whose literary career was cut short when he was killed by his boyfriend Kenneth Halliwell in 1967.

10.20 QI XL. Sally Phillips, Ross Noble and Nish Kumar join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an extended version of the comedy quiz show. This time, the topic is 'Odorous and Odious'. During the course of the show, the panellists learn why the world's second-smelliest man is so frustrated. As ever, correctness and even intelligence go out of the window, as the fiendishly difficult questions lead to points being awarded for the answers its questionmaster finds most interesting, as opposed to correct.

11.05 Insert Name Here. Nish Kumar, Kate Williams, Katherine Ryan and Gabby Logan join host Sue Perkins and captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe as the comedy quiz returns. (R)

11.35 Film: Albert Nobbs. (2011) A woman living in disguise as a man in 19th-century Ireland decides to find a wife after a meeting with a fellow cross-dresser. Drama, with Glenn Close and Mia Wasikowska.

1.20 Film: Chances Are. (1989) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** Gino's Italian Coastal Escape. (R) **11.50** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** The X Factor. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Haydock. Coverage of this afternoon's meetings at Haydock Park and Ascot. **4.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **4.25** The Harbour. (R) **4.55** The Chase. (R) **5.55** New You've Been Framed!

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.25 ITV News; Weather.

6.35 Ninja Warrior UK. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the final heat, as competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in the obstacle-course challenge. (R)

7.30 The X Factor: The Semi Finals. The conclusion of the musical talent show creeps ever closer, as the contest reaches the semi-finals. Throughout the live stages, surprise double eliminations, extra sing-offs and an increased number of public votes have tested not only the contestants' singing skills, but also their ability to master their nerves, and the pressure is bound to be higher than ever with the Grand Final taking place next weekend. Dermot O'Leary welcomes the performers back to the stage for another set, as Cowell and his fellow judges – Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger and Sharon Osbourne – deliver their verdicts, before giving viewers at home a chance to have their say.

9.10 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec catch up with the celebrity castaways as their first week in the camp draws to a close, and they prepare for a Bushtucker Trial.

10.10 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II. (1985) Action adventure sequel, with Sylvester Stallone.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.55** Frasier. (R) **7.20** Frasier. (R) **7.45** The Big Bang Theory. **8.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **8.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.00** The Simpsons. (R) **9.25** The Simpsons. (R) **9.55** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. **11.25** F1 Meets Niki Lauda. **11.55** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Qualifying Live. The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. **2.45** World's Most Expensive Cars. (R) **3.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** Best Laid Plans. **5.30** Grand Designs. (R)

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.45 Film: The Day After Tomorrow. (2004) A climatologist warns global warming will soon result in destructive freak weather, or even another ice age. He thinks the world still has time to prepare for the worst, but the crisis happens almost immediately – and as storms, earthquakes and hurricanes strike in terrifying fashion, he races across America to rescue his son from a frozen New York. Disaster thriller, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid.

9.00 Film: Ex Machina. (2015) Premiere. A computer programmer working for the world's biggest search engine is given the opportunity to spend a week at the remote home of his boss, a hi-tech genius. The break turns out to be an elaborate experiment, in which he must test the world's first truly artificial intelligence, which is housed in the body of a beautiful robot girl. Sci-fi drama, starring Domhnall Gleeson, Alicia Vikander and Oscar Isaac.

11.05 Film: Lone Survivor. (2013) Four soldiers face a battle for survival while on a mission to eliminate a terrorist leader in Afghanistan. Fact-based drama, starring Mark Wahlberg and Taylor Kitsch.

1.15 The Last Leg. American comedian Margaret Cho joins the regulars. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Louis and Leela are frantic when baby Daniel goes missing. **4.20** Location, Location, Location. Phil Spencer helps a couple searching for a home in south-west London. (R) **5.15** Draw It! (R) **5.40 Film:** The Parent Trap. (1961) Twin sisters who want their estranged parents to get back together swap places in a ploy to reunite them. Disney comedy, with Hayley Mills in a dual role alongside Maureen O'Hara.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.25** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.55 Film:** A Christmas Reunion. (2015) **1.40 Film:** Santa Who? (2000) Family comedy, starring Leslie Nielsen. **3.25 Film:** Angels in the Snow. (2015) Family drama, starring Kristy Swanson. **4.25** 5 News Update. **4.30 Film:** Angels in the Snow. (2015) Concluded. **5.15 Film:** Love You Like Christmas. (2016) Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Bonnie Somerville and Brennan Elliott.

6.15 5 News Update.

6.20 Film: Love You Like Christmas. (2016) Concluded.

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In Coventry, the sheriffs chase £10,000 owed by a publican to a contractor. The property appears to be empty, but after finding an ingenious method of entry, Matt and Garry are confronted by a surprised and angry landlord. Meanwhile, agents Max and Steve head to central London to try to recover almost £8,000 owed to a firm of accountants. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents try to recover almost £2,000 owed by the owner of a bridal shop in London, while officers in Kent chase over £4,000 of vet fees after two neighbouring dogs got into a fight. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Leeds United, Aston Villa v Ipswich Town and Burton Albion v Sunderland.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Walsall, Blackburn Rovers v Bristol Rovers and Coventry City v Crawley Town.

10.30 NCIS: New Orleans. A sailor from Mississippi is murdered, and when it becomes clear the man was also a biker, the agents begin to suspect his death might be the result of an old gang rivalry.

11.25 NCIS: New Orleans. A petty officer is found dead, and the only witness to the crime is the woman's nine-year-old nephew.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** When Calls the Heart. (R) **4.40** Access. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Nature's Misfits: Natural World **8.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **9.00** Witnesses: A Frozen Death **10.50** The Vietnam War **11.50** What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment **12.50** A Blackpool Big Band Boogie: Jools Holland and His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra **1.50** Nature's Misfits: Natural World **2.50** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.50 Take Me Out Celebrity Special **12.50** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.25 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **3.10 Film:** Step Up (2006) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20 Film:** Step Up (2006) **5.20** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.50 Film:** Inception (2010) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** Inception (2010) **9.40** Family Guy **10.10** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.10** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **12.40** Release the Hounds **1.40** Viral Tap **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.10 FYI Daily **11.15 Film:** Murder on the Orient Express (1974) **12.50 Film:** Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978) **2.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Margery and Gladys **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** The Syndicate **12.10** The Blonde Bombshell **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.45 Live Darts: Players Championship Finals. Coverage of day two from Butlins Minehead. **5.00** Nijinsky's Triple Crown **5.05** Pawn Stars **7.00** Live Darts: Players Championship Finals. Coverage of day two from Butlins Minehead. **11.00 Film:** Full Metal Jacket (1987) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Full Metal Jacket (1987) **1.20** The Classic Car Show **2.20** The Protectors **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 How I Met Your Mother **12.00 Film:** Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **1.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Oblivion (2013) **11.30** Gogglebox **1.35** Rude Tube **2.35** First Dates **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.15** Rules of Engagement

Film4

11.00 Rio (2011) **1.00** Field of Dreams (1989) **3.20** Avatar (2009) **6.30** The Riot Club Interview Special **6.40** Ender's Game (2013) **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) **11.10** Tank 432 (2015) **12.55** Immortals (2011)

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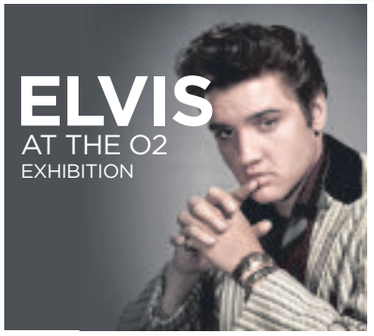

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SUNDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 26

CHOICE

Guy Martin

Guy Martin vs the Robocar (Channel 4, 9pm)

According to predictions, in just over 10 years' time, half of all new cars sold will be electric and 15 per cent of them will be self-driving. But where does that leave Guy Martin? In this documentary, he tries to get to grips with autonomous vehicles by building his own robotic Ford Transit in his shed, where he discovers that the hardest part is replicating human thought. So, he travels to Budapest and the US to learn more about artificial intelligence and the morality tests the software engineers must grapple with, such as should a self-driving car save its passenger or a pedestrian in an emergency scenario. And in the ultimate test, Guy takes to the track to become the first person to pit his driving skills against an AI race car.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Gregory Porter. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Elizabeth & Philip: Love and Duty. (R) **2.15** Mary Berry's Country House Secrets. (R) **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.55** Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football and Me. (R) **4.55** Blue Planet II. (R) **5.55** BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme.

6.20 Countryfile. The team visits the Cairngorns, where Joe Crowley explores Britain's largest nature reserve and one of its highest mountains, and Helen Skelton goes in search of golden eagles. Plus, Adam Henson prepares for next year's new arrivals on his farm and Tom Heap reports on the British chicken industry.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's viewers' vote and another couple leaves the contest. Featuring a performance from Kelly Clarkson.

8.00 Blue Planet II. Footage of wildlife inhabiting underwater kelp forests, including thousands of giant cuttlefish spawning along a restricted area of rocky reef off the south coast of Australia. Males outnumber females 11 to one, which leads to fierce competition. Larger males use brute force to drive off competition, while their smaller rivals use deception by mimicking the appearance of females. The programme also features tiger sharks hunting for green turtles in fields of seagrass and spider crabs trying to avoid predators while they shed their shells.

9.00 Howards End. Margaret receives an offer which changes her plans significantly, while Evie's wedding brings the Schlegel, Bast and Wilcox families together – and drags secrets into the light.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action.

11.30 Ronny Chieng: International Student. Ronny agrees to fill in for Asher at her job.

11.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.50** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.35** The Secret History of the British Garden. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Food & Drink. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** International Rugby Union. (R) **2.00** Ghost Bear Family: Natural World. (R) **3.00** Demolition: The Wrecking Crew. (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Flog It! (R) **5.45** Turkey with Simon Reeve. (R)

6.45 Film: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. (2014) Premiere. An 11-year-old boy has a day where everything seems to go wrong, but gets no sympathy from his family. He becomes convinced that bad things only ever happen to him, but then his parents, his brother and his sister all suffer terrible days of their own. Family comedy based on Judith Viorst's series of children's books, starring Ed Oxenbould, Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner.

8.00 Robot Wars. Robots Expulsion, Coyote, Thor, Magnetar, Hobgoblin and Push to Exit battle it out for a place in the grand final. Among the players controlling the machines are self-taught engineer Ellis, and a team of schoolchildren determined to prove lack of experience is not a problem. Presented by Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon.

9.00 Expedition Volcano. Part one of two. Documentary following scientists studying some of the world's most dangerous active volcanoes in the Congo. The series begins by exploring Nyiragongo, which has erupted twice in the last 50 years, most recently in 2002, when it devastated the nearby city of Goma. However, it lies in a region troubled by war and humanitarian crises, which has made study of the volcano difficult.

10.00 Snowfall. Lucia finds it hard to break away from her family, Teddy tries to cover Alejandro's tracks, and Franklin faces new threats. Guest starring Billy Boyd (The Lord of the Rings).

10.40 Film: John Carter. (2012) Fantasy adventure, with Taylor Kitsch and Lynn Collins.

12.40 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Make It Pop. (R) **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Save Money: Good Food. (R) **11.30** Tipping Point. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** The X Factor: The Semi Finals. (R) **2.20** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.10** Les Dawson Forever.

6.05 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Patrick Baladi, Vicky Williamson, John Craven and Kevin Eldon work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh. Last in the series.

7.30 The X Factor: The Semi Finals. Dermot O'Leary hosts as the remaining contestants take to the stage, hoping to make it into the grand final, with judges Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Simon Cowell and Sharon Osbourne battling it out to keep their acts in the show. This year Louis has the Boys, Nicole the Overs, Simon the Groups and Sharon the Girls.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec give viewers at home a chance to catch up with the superstar castaways as they prepare to enter their second week in the jungle. Plus, the competition steps up a gear as the celebrities face this year's live Bushtucker Trial. In 2016, the contestants took part in the "Hungry Games" as part of the live trial, with Adam Thomas, Carol Vorderman, Danny Baker, Jordan Banjo, Ola Jordan and Wayne Bridge emerging victorious.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton. Last in the series. (R)

11.45 Road Rage Britain: Caught on Camera. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

7.55 Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live Build-Up. A look ahead to today's Grand Prix. **12.35** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live. The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.10** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live Reaction. In-depth analysis of this afternoon's race. **4.35** Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge. (R) **5.35** Channel 4 News.

6.05 Film: Men in Black 3. (2012) An alien criminal escapes from a prison on the moon and goes back in time on a mission of revenge, changing the course of history. Agent J of the top-secret Earth defence organisation follows him back to 1969, and joins forces with a younger version of his mentor Agent K to set things right. Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith, Josh Brolin and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language and violence.

8.00 Coastal Railways with Julie Walters. New series. The actress travels around the UK coast by train, beginning by boarding the famous Jacobite steam train for a trip along Scotland's West Highland Railway, famously featured in the Harry Potter movies. Along the way, Julie learns about herring gutting and blowing up railway lines, and meets a traditional Scottish storyteller on the Isle of Skye.

9.00 Guy Martin vs the Robocar. The presenter explores the world of automated self-driving vehicles, attempting to build one of his own in his shed. He takes a trip to Budapest for a ride in a completely autonomous vehicle, which is being tested on public roads for the first time. Finally, he heads to Silverstone, to take on a computer-controlled car in a race.

10.00 Film: RoboCop. (2014) A critically injured police officer is rebuilt as a crime-fighting cyborg, but struggles to retain free will. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Joel Kinnaman and Gary Oldman.

12.10 Film: Good Kill. (2014) Drama, starring Ethan Hawke. **2.00** The Supervet. A cocker spaniel has a bulging disc in its spine. (R) **3.00** Trump: An American Dream. (R) **3.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.50** Gillette World Sport. **5.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **5.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **5.55** Kevin Can Wait.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **6.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.35** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.10** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.40 Film:** A Christmas Tail. (2012) **1.20 Film:** Winter Wedding. (2017) Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Andrea Bowen. **3.10 Film:** A Christmas to Remember. (2016) Premiere. Festive romance, starring Mira Sorvino and Cameron Mathison. **4.10** 5 News Update. **4.15 Film:** A Christmas to Remember. (2016) Concluded. **4.55 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **5.55** 5 News Update.

6.00 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Concluded.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the ninth round of matches, including Newcastle Falcons v Gloucester at Kingston Park, Sale Sharks v Northampton Saints at the AJ Bell Stadium and Leicester Tigers v Worcester Warriors at Welford Road.

9.00 Film: Fury. (2014) An American tank crew undertakes a final dangerous mission behind enemy lines in the last months of the Second World War. Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf.

10.00 5 News Update.

10.05 Film: Fury. (2014) Concluded.

11.35 Film: Flight of the Phoenix. (2004) A plane crashes in the desert and the survivors plan to return to civilisation by building a new aircraft from the wreckage. Adventure, starring Dennis Quaid and Tyrese Gibson.

1.40 SuperCasino. **3.10** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Nigel Kennedy at the BBC **9.00** Shark **10.00** Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World **11.00** Naples '44: A Wartime Diary **12.20** Nigel Kennedy at the BBC **1.20** Shark **2.20** Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World **3.20** Close

ITV2

12.30 Take Me Out **2.00** You've Been Framed and Famous! **3.05** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **4.05 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **6.00 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **8.05 Film:** Wrath of the Titans (2012) **8.55** FYI Daily **9.10 Film:** Wrath of the Titans (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **10.30** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.30** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Release the Hounds **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.05 Wycliffe **1.15 Film:** Columbo: How to Dial a Murder (1978) **2.50** Lewis **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Housewife, 49 **9.00** Endeavour **11.05** The Blonde Bombshell **1.15** Heartbeat **2.05** The Knock **3.55** Wycliffe **4.50** Judge Judy **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.40 The Darts Show **12.45** Live Darts: Players Championship Finals. Coverage of the quarter-finals from Butlins Minehead. **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** River Monsters **7.00** Live Darts: Players Championship Finals. Coverage of the semi-finals and final at Butlins Minehead. **11.00 Film:** Crank (2006) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Crank (2006) **12.45** The Sweeney **1.45** The Avengers **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00 Film:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **2.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Ghostbusters II (1989) **10.05** The Big Bang Theory: Who You Gonna Call? **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Rude Tube **1.15** First Dates **2.20** Gogglebox **3.15** Rude Tube **3.40** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Thunderbirds (2004) **12.50** The Riot Club Interview Special **1.00** The Phantom (1996) **3.00** Fletch (1985) **5.05** The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) **6.45** Miracle on 34th Street (1994) **9.00** Cowboys & Aliens (2011) **11.20** The Lincoln Lawyer (2011)

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The Trafalgar pub in Cannock reopens on 24th November after Marston's spend £100,000 on a huge refurbishment. MP Amanda Milling will be opening the pub at 4pm, with the 'Dirty Rockin Scoundrels' performing from 9pm.

The huge refurbishment will see both internal and external works being completed and also the installation of a community defibrillator.

Chef at the Trafalgar 'Jordan Dewhurst' has recently been nominated for 'Young Chef of the Year' by Nestle Professional.

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Perfect Christmas, Channel 5, 3.45pm
An advertising executive walks past a display mannequin in a department store window every day. When she suffers a bad fall outside the shop, the dummy comes to life to help her. He turns out to be everything she has always wanted in a man – but she soon realises her dream does not bring her happiness. Festive fantasy, starring Claire Coffee and Ryan McPartlin. (2012)

TUESDAY
The Christmas Switch, Channel 5, 2pm
A hustler is asked to magically swap bodies with a dying man at Christmas in return for either a million dollars or having all his past sins forgiven. He chooses the money, but as he watches the other man using his body to do good deeds, he begins to reconsider what is important in his life. Fantasy, starring Brian Krause, Cedric Smith and Natasha Henstridge. (2014)

Total Recall, Friday, ITV, 11.15pm

WEDNESDAY
A Bride for Christmas, Channel 5, 11.45am
A woman swears off serious relationships after breaking off her third failed engagement, only to run into a man who seems perfect for her a month before Christmas. However, she does not realise he has made a bet with his friends that he can persuade a woman to marry him before the holiday begins. Romantic drama, with Arielle Kebbel. (2012)

THURSDAY
Seventh Son, Channel 5, 9pm
Premiere. A professional monster hunter hires a young apprentice to help him track down an evil queen. Fantasy adventure, starring Ben Barnes and Jeff Bridges. (2014)

FRIDAY
Total Recall, ITV, 11.15pm
A construction worker pays to have fake memories of a dream holiday implanted into his brain, but discovers his mind has already been tampered with – apparently to erase his true identity as a secret agent from a colony on Mars. Paul Verhoeven's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin and Michael Ironside. (1990)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Paul looks to serve up a tasty treat in new series

Say what you like about the latest Bake Off – and there are those of us who still feel nostalgic for the BBC days despite having great respect for Channel 4's handling of the series – but the latest run was an unmitigated success.

At 11 million viewers, the final was watched by the channel's biggest audience in 32 years (the 1985 drama A Woman of Substance pipped it to the post), and the second-biggest ever in Channel 4 history. It was still behind the Beeb's 2016 final, which drew in 14.8 million, but let's not split macarons here – after all, Prue Leith did give away the winner 12 hours before transmission…

Anyway, the anchor which enabled the new cast – judge Leith, and hosts Sandi Toksvig and Noel Fielding – to merge almost seamlessly into the old format was Paul Hollywood, the blue-eyed baking pro who's been with the show since series one. He's become notorious for his strict judging style as well as the occasional praise he doles out to those (very few) deserving bakers – the "Hollywood Handshake" has become serious currency in Bake Off circles.

The fact is, Hollywood knows his stuff. He began working at a bakery – his father's – as a teenager, and went on to work as head baker at a number of prestigious hotels and restaurants throughout the UK and in Cyprus. This was all before he found fame. During this time, he's learned a thing or two about baking.

In this new series, he prepares to impart some of that knowledge – as well as, giving this series a rather unique twist, integrating some previously unseen footage from the Bake Off tent and even the auditions phase. This means it's a must for any fans of the series, who are hungry for more helpings before the next series comes along.

Noel and Sandi crop up, too, offering their inimitable insights, while Prue is also on hand to keep Paul in line. Think of it as a reunion, then – especially when previous contestants Val and Selasi turn up to challenge Paul to bake a pistachio and rose petal roulade. Which he does, of course, with customary panache.

Other recipes – this is a baking show, after all – include Paul's favourite pizza recipe: a courgette, lemon and thyme-topped bake, an unusual combination for which he gives credit to Venice.

He also gets out and about, visiting the famous motor racing track Silverstone where he makes a childhood-favourite burger recipe for a barbecue held in the paddock, before heading back to the Bake Off tent with Prue, where he bakes a madeira celebration cake. He hands over the decoration of this particular confection to Noel and Sandi, who oblige with a "nude" meringue finish. Expect some risque puns about that, then.

Paul Hollywood: A Baker's Life, Monday, Channel 4, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Supershoppers
Channel 4, 8.30pm
New series. The consumer advice show returns with Anna Richardson joined by new co-presenter Sabrina Grant to provide the lowdown on favourite brands and retailers, as well as tips on how to get the best deals. In the first edition Anna and Sabrina look at supermarkets' own ranges and investigate whether cheaper value-range products might be identical to pricier standard own-label lines. Plus, they offer advice on how to buy cheaper car insurance, and there is a face-off between cheap and expensive beauty wipes.

TUESDAY
MOTD Live
BBC2, 6.55pm
Following their World Cup Qualifier against Bosnia on Friday, England Woman welcome Kazakhstan to Colchester United's Weston Homes Community Stadium. One player who can't wait for the Group One game is England's Essex-born defender Casey Stoney. 'I'm particularly looking forward to playing in Colchester,' the Liverpool star says. 'I come from Basildon so it's great to have a game in my home county.' This is the first time the two nations have met, and Mo Marley's Lionesses will be expected to put on a good showing tonight and secure a comfortable victory, similar to that of the 6-0 thrashing of Russia in September. Nikita Parris, Jodie Taylor, Jordan Nobbs, Lucy Bronze and Toni Duggan (two) were all on target that evening in Tranmere.

WEDNESDAY
The Channel: The World's Busiest Waterway
Channel 4, 9pm
More than 400 ships pass through the 21-mile-wide Dover Strait every day, making it, as the title of this new series suggests, the busiest waterway in the world. But the English Channel is also significant for the way it defines Britain's border with Europe – and in the wake of Brexit, these are uncertain times for the people who live and work on the waters. To offer a further insight into the life of the waterway, cameras go inside the Channel Tunnel, on board ferries and freighters and into the hidden nerve centres to see what it takes to keep the system moving. In the first episode, ferry captain Mark deals with high winds and drunk passengers, while swimmer Naomi attempts to navigate her way through some challenging conditions.

Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast, Friday, Channel 4, 8pm

THURSDAY
Great Canal Journeys
Channel 4, 8pm
They may be in their 80s, but there's no stopping Timothy West and Prunella Scales. They seem to have only just got back from their latest batch of jaunts, and here they are, off again on a two-part adventure which begins in north west Portugal. They're getting up close and personal with the dramatic local landscape while travelling down the Rio Douro via an old trade route. En route the couple will stop off at the local vineyards, often perched on the nearby hilltops. It's a trip unlike any they've taken before, and includes the deepest lock in Europe and various sites of ancient historical importance. But there's a little taste of home too in the form of a traditional English gentlemen's club in Porto before a chance to follow in the footsteps of a Yorkshire-born entrepreneur.

FRIDAY
Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
Channel 4, 8pm
Hosts Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty are joined by Joanna Lumley in their cafe at the end of Southend Pier, and this time the menu is exclusively vegetarian, as the Ab Fab actress cooks the King of Malaysia's favourite dish, bringing back to life the tastes and smells of her childhood. Jamie prepares a spectacular M'hanncha – a spiral of filo pastry stuffed with pearl barley and butternut squash and the boys take to the road to champion British fava beans – which could help both the nation's farmers and its diet.

Eight Days That Made Rome: The Downfall of Nero
Channel 5, 9pm
Bettany Hughes focuses on events leading up to and after 9th June 68AD, when Emperor Nero took his life, examining how it triggered the eventual decline of the Roman Empire.

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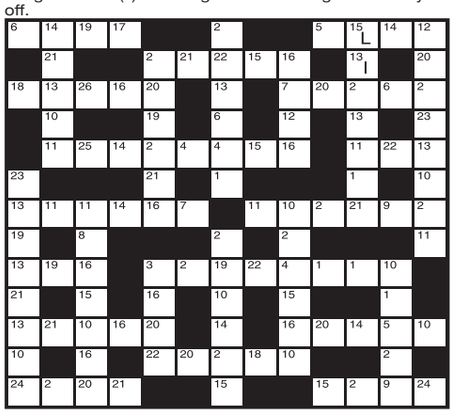

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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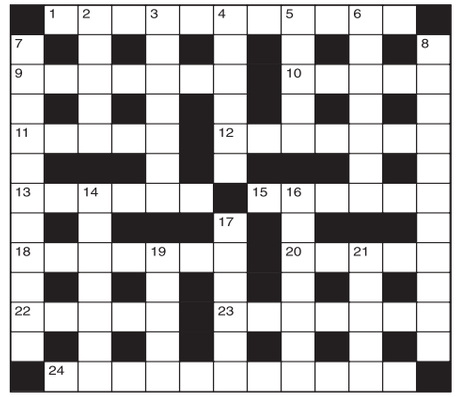

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. The old boy with the only perfume going out of date (11)
9. Put on one's own for not being punctual? (7)
10. Material from the French island (5)
11. A language of South India (5)
12. He has time to fill in his job (7)
13. Threaten to finish one politician (6)
15. Does he record runs in twenties? (6)
18. Wishing success before tomorrow? (4,3)
20. Song in really rich style (5)
22. Stale in the smallest degree (5)
23. Lie is wrong, certainly, but gives restful ease (7)
24. Zodiacal sign not revealed to office workers (11)

Down

2. Colour for brother to possess (5)
3. Enthusiastic applause for egg production? (7)
4. Corrects me on rising to conclusions (6)
5. Officer doesn't need the Spanish punctuation mark (5)
6. Retains more offensive order (7)
7. The bird presumably had something to sing about in the morning (11)
8. Insect on trial in international sport (4,7)
14. Irreligious, but in favour of temple (7)
16. He surfaces after work, of course (7)
17. Organ permitted to find loophole (6)
19. Put off animals from going inland eternally (5)
21. Stir or get up to exercise (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Besides (11)
9. Horseman's iron (7)
10. Granted (5)
11. Anoint (5)
12. Canadian province (7)
13. Flippancy (6)
15. Slumbering (6)
18. Excess (7)
20. Characteristic (5)
22. Decree (5)
23. Exhilaration (7)
24. Enterprise (11)

Down

2. Combine (5)
3. Flood (7)
4. Set at work (6)
5. Strength (5)
6. Daydream (7)
7. Permanent (11)
8. Very inefficient (11)
14. Rendering (7)
16. Relapse (3-4)
17. Acquiesce (6)
19. Supple (5)
21. Foreign (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Arranger; 5 Cool; 9 Purr; 10 Strident; 11 Right; 12 Replace; 13 Temperateness; 18 Apparent; 19 Goal; 20 Protege; 21 David; 22 Rake; 23 Standing.
Down: 2 Routine; 3 Airship; 4 Entertainment; 6 Operate; 7 Letters; 8 Simple; 13 Trapper; 14 Mapbook; 15 Earned; 16 Niggard; 17 Station.
QUICK - Across: 1 Sanctify; 5 Acid; 9 Byre; 10 Accident; 11 Smart; 12 Talents; 13 Play upon words; 18 Interest; 19 Thin; 20 Bondage; 21 Solid; 22 Elan; 23 Astonish.
Down: 2 Abysmal; 3 Clearly; 4 Facetiousness; 6 Cleaner; 7 Detests; 8 Pillow; 13 Pliable; 14 Antenna; 15 Uproar; 16 Outworn; 17 Deities.

Quiz

1. Which disorder is also called word blindness?
2. What is a dunlin?
3. In which children's TV series would you find Alderney and Tobermory?
4. Which singer was born Declan McManus?
5. Which US President was assassinated in Buffalo?
6. To which family does the lovebird belong?
7. Which Vicar of Dibley star posed nude for Esquire magazine?
8. Which art-form was regulated in the US by the Hays Office?
9. Of what is Ceres the largest known example?
10. According to Arthurian legend, who was Sir Galahad's father?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Benjamin Franklin; 2 Luxembourg; 3 J Edgar Hoover; 4 Polish; 5 Propaganda; 6 Aaron; 7 Muskrat; 8 One; 9 California; 10 George Eliot.

Niner: METAPHORS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

34564 gives a French author,
14925 gives a French sculptor,
57899428 gives a French painter.

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Friends reunited for special birthday

WE have been friends since middle school, sharing the joys and tribulations of teenage years and later weddings and children.

And now we were all sharing a special birthday! For a few years now we had abandoned present buying for birthdays and Christmas and just arranged a meal or break away. And this weekend it was a special one.

We were staying at the five-star St David's Hotel and Spa which has a prominent position on Cardiff Bay's waterfront and it's a stone's throw from the city centre. The hotel is striking with its glass fronted structure on the edge of the bay.

Across the Severn Estuary we could see where we planned to spend our evening at Michelin-starred Restaurant James Sommerin in Penarth.

The restaurant is in a prime position on the seafront with contemporary and chic decor, including the use of Welsh slate, and crisp white table covers.

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There is also a private dining room and Chef's table. There is a huge window from the main restaurant to the kitchen, where you watch the chefs at work.

In a short amount of time James has amassed an array of accolades and just two days after our visit the restaurant won four Rosettes at The AA Hospitality Awards 2017.

Proud of his Welsh heritage James, who runs the restaurant with his wife Louise, uses the finest ingredients, locally sourced where possible. The food was exquisite.

We went for the six-course testing menu including matching wine. The options for the evening were the six courses, nine courses and also the Surprise Menu when you leave your dining experience in James' hands. It is then a bespoke menu.

Striking and imposing – Cardiff Bay's waterfront

Restaurant has panoramic views across the bay

Each course was expertly presented and a lovely touch was that the chefs including the man himself came to our table to run through the dishes.

The six courses started with beetroot, feta and pine-nut; followed by venison with carrot, tarragon and mushroom and then langoustine with samphire and spices; guinea fowl with sweetcorn, truffle and potato. For dessert there was pear with cinnamon, flap-jack and hazelnut and apple with puff pastry, caramel and vanilla.

After the meal, it was back to our hotel which is set on Cardiff Bay's waterfront.

Our rooms with balconies had views across the estuary and it was wonderful to watch the boats and yachts sailing by.

Relaxation was certainly the name of the weekend with Marina Spa being most inviting with relaxation pools, hydrotherapy multi jet marine pools, a sauna, gym, treatment rooms and a relaxation suite, whilst enjoying the beautiful views overlooking Cardiff Bay.

The hotel restaurant is beautiful and airy with lovely neutral and teal shades and floor-to-floor windows with panoramic views across the bay.

The Admiral St David draws inspiration from the eclectic food culture and bold flavours of Australasia and Asia-Pacific, while looking closer to home for the best of seasonal Welsh produce.

After breakfast at the Admiral we wandered around Cardiff Bay which used to be known as Tiger Bay. It has been transformed with the Giant Wheel, restaurants and bars and the Senedd – home to the Welsh Government. Next door is the Wales Millenium Centre. There is also the Norwegian Church which Roald Dahl had attended as a child and is now Cafe Norsk. LISA BAILEY

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Semi-detached home is modern and well presented

An extremely well presented modern semi-detached home in Forge Close, Churchbridge, is for sale through Chase Independent at £220,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance hall, a guest WC, a spacious lounge, an impressive kitchen/diner, a master bedroom with an en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a driveway and front and rear gardens. The property has solar panels.

In more detail the reception hallway has stairs leading to the first floor, a storage cupboard having plumbing for a washing machine and doors leading to the guest WC, lounge and kitchen.

The family lounge has a window overlooking the property's frontage. The modern kitchen/diner has a range of base and wall-mounted units with preparation work surfaces over, incorporating a gas hob, extractor fan, electric double oven, integral fridge freezer, part wall tiling, vinyl flooring and a window overlooking the rear and French doors leading to the rear garden.

Upstairs, bedroom one has built-in wardrobes, a window to the front and an en-suite shower room with part wall tiling and vinyl flooring. Bedroom two has views over the rear garden. Bedroom three also overlooks the rear of the property.

The family bathroom has a low level WC, a wash hand basin, panelled bath with a mixer shower over, part wall tiling, vinyl flooring and a chrome heated towel radiator, plus a window to the front.

Outside, to the front of the property there is a tarmacadam driveway providing ample off-road parking which leads to a detached garage, a lawn area, shrub display borders, a pathway leading to the canopy entrance and a side gate.

There is a fully enclosed rear garden with a lawn, gravel display borders, a paved patio area and a gravel area at the back of the garage. The detached garage has an up-and-over door, power and lighting.

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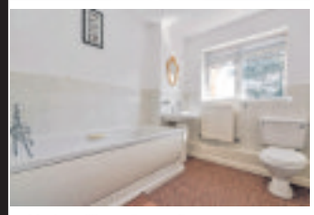

- Modern Three Storey Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Utility And Guest Wc
- Study
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Electric Security Gated Access To The

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CANNOCK
CAVERSHAM MEWS

- Show Home Standard
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- Spacious Lounge
- Guest Wc
- Garage To The Rear
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

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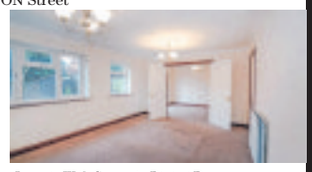

- Sought After Location
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge With Separate Dining Room
- Guest Wc
- Integral Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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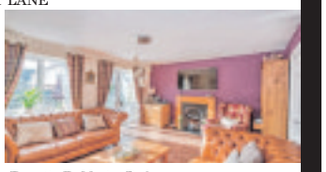

- Very Modern Well Presented
- Five Bedroom Home
- Spacious Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- En-suite To Master Bedroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Car Barn And Driveway
- Viewing Is Essential

£230,000

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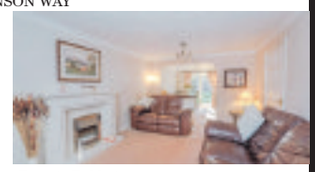

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- Utility And Guest Wc

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- Lounge
- Family/dining Room
- Utility And Guest Wc
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Single Garage

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CHESLYN HAY
HILL STREET

- Sought After Location
- Deceptively Spacious
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bedroom Furniture
- Four Piece Family Bathroom
- Through Lounge Diner
- Guest Wc
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden

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- Lounge Diner,
- Two Double Bedrooms
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GREAT WYRLEY
£350,000

Completing the ground floor, there is the well-appointed kitchen with an electric cooker point and plumbing for a washing machine, and a pantry off.

To the first floor there are three bedrooms (two of which are generous doubles with fitted wardrobes) and the bathroom with WC, wash basin, bath and separate shower cubicle.

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14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

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Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

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- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
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Offering Accomodation On Three Floors located In Popular Position

- Reception hall & cloakroom with Wc
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two first floor bedrooms and ensuite shower room
- Two second floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (79)

£210,000 FREEHOLD

2 SHERBROOK ROAD, CANNOCK

FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Hall and cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral double length garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

8A LITTLEWOOD ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED AND FITTED TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION
Located In A Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating B (82)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

30 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Loft room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking & gardens
- EPC rating E (53)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

8 HANNAFORD WAY, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLATLocated In Popular Position For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Entrance lobby & landing
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower
- Separate toilet
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (70)

£96,950

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Established 1919

9.6% MANAGEMENT FEE INC VAT

Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

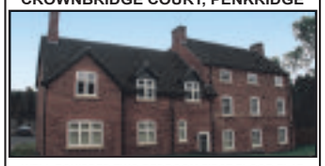
9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£625pcm

FLAT 4 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Development Close To Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: E (42)

£750pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

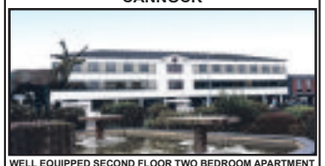
FLAT 1 ADAM COURT, NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (74)

£525pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (71)

£550pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

THE BARN, OFF CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

CHARACTERFUL THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Located In A Most Convenient Position Within This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom three/study
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sory no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£850pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSIONSituated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner Hall
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm

FLAT 9 CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilites

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility
- Two bedrooms
- Cellar
- Part tiled shower room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (70)

£535pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLATConvenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

34 CHASELEY AVENUE, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Cul-de-sac In Sought After Shoal Hill Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£625pcm

22 PRINCESS STREET, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£650pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTLocated In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£750pcm

3 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM BARN CONVERSIONSituated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Entrance hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (78)

£695pcm

APARTMENT 13 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Security phone intercom
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C(80)

£525pcm

11 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (74)

£590pcm

12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Refitted extended breakfast kitchen
- Lounge/dining area
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (64)

£650pcm

FLAT 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility
- Inner lobby
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£535pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENTLocated In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Elecric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

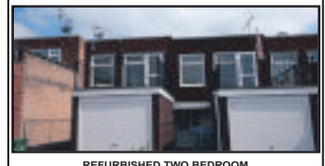
6 ST MARYS CLOSE, SHARESHILL

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In The Sought After Village Of Shareshill

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Study/family room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or Smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£675pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR



REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

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WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

MORETON STREET, CANNOCK

- 1Bed GFF
- Lounge/Dining room
- Sower room
- DG/GCH
- Off Road Parking

£440 pcm

STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed FFF
- Lounge/Diner
- GCJH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS/Pets

£450 pcm

NEW STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- Two Bed Semi
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility Room/WC
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

£475 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

BROADHURST GREEN, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ PETS

£475 pcm

WAT TYLER CLOSE, RUGELEY

- 2 Bed FFF
- Lounge
- Electric Heating
- Off Road parking
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£480 pcm

PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating/ DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal

£490 pcm

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Flat
- Town Centre
- Spacious
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS or Pets

£500 pcm

HOBART ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed End
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, GCH, DG
- Bathroom & WC
- Gardens, Garage

£525 pcm

CHAPEL SQUARE, CHESLYN HAY

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Courtyard
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£530 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/

£550 pcm

WOODHEYES LAWNS, RUGELEY

- Thee Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Garage
- EPC Pending

£575 pcm

MEADOW WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- DG/GCH
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£590 pcm

PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£600 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- 3Bed End town House
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating D

£675 pcm

LINDEN VIEW, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Shower Room

£695 pcm

WATER STREET, CHASE TERRACE

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, GCH
- Bathroom, DG
- Driveway, Garage
- Energy Rating D

£750 pcm

FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE

POPULAR LOCATION

- A Beautiful Traditional Semi Detached Family Home
- Reception Porch and Hall, Guest WC
- Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Diner
- Sun Room, Hobby Room
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Beautiful Large Gardens
- Garage and Large Driveway

£340,000

SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

- An Newly Built Executive Detached House
- Stylish Contemporty Design Throughout
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£299,950

HORSESHOE DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

- Four bedroom detached
- Guest WC
- Spacious family lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Two en-suite bedrooms with two further bedrooms
- Single garage with block paved driveway
- Front and private rear gardens

£259,950

LIMEPIT LANE, HEDNESFORD

- THREE STOREY FAMILY HOME
- Reception Hallway
- Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen-Diner
- Family Lounge
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Futher Bedrooms
- Landscape Rear Garden

229,950

FORGE CLOSE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached home
- Spacious longe
- Impressive kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Front and rear garden
- Benefits from SOLAR PANELS

£220,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

ELIZABETH ROAD, CANNOCK

- Semi Detached Three Storey House
- Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen-Diner
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens

£212,000

STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

- A Beautiful Traditional Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Porch & Hall, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner, Veranda
- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Delightful Rear Gardens, Driveway

OFFERS OVER £200,000

WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE

MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE

- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Hall/ Dining Room, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

3 BED DETACHED

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

Guide Price £179,995

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Garage &Driveway

£165,000

BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Offers Over £150,000

UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ground floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing
- Off road parking

£105,995

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
- Open- Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

OFFERS OVER £86,000

VINE COURT, CANNOCK

- Third floor retirement apartment
- Wide range of facilities within the complex
- Security intercom, Lift access
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms and wet room
- 24 hour care on hand
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Earlswood Way, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £70,000

Second Floor Apartment	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	60% Shared Ownership
Lounge	EPC C

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

Offers Over £90,000

Ground Floor Flat	Gated Access
Two Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Newly Refurbished	EPC C

Hobby Way, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £109,950

Ground Floor Apartment	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Allocated Parking
Kitchen / Diner	EPC C

Shortbutts Lane, Lichfield

REDUCED

Offers Around £120,000

Forst Floor Apartment	Double Glazing
One Bedroom	Off Road Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC D

Littleworth Road, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £130,000

Terraced Property	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

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Lansdowne Way, Rugeley

NEW

Offers Around £155,000

Semi Detached Property	Off Road Parking
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Two Reception Rooms	EPC E

Far Lady Croft, Rugeley

NEW

Offers Around £165,000

End Terrace Property	Off Road Parking
Three Bedrooms	Sought After Location
Kitchen / Diner	EPC B

Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley

Offers Around £190,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility Room
Four Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Extended	Awaiting EPC

Far Lady Croft, Armitage

Offers Around £199,950

Town House Property	Fitted Kitchen
Four Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC B

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £210,000

Detached Property	Integral Garage
Three Bedrooms	Private Rear Garden
Kitchen/Breakfast	EPC D

Selwyn Road, Burntwood

Offers Around £220,000

Semi Detached Property	Off Road Parking
Four Bedrooms	Sought After Location
Tow Bathrooms	EPC C

Triangle View, Burntwood

Offers Around £295,000

Detached Property	Ample Parking and Garage
Four Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Family Bathroom and En Suite	

School Lane, Shareshill

NEW

Offers Around £400,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Off Road Parking
Four Bedrooms	Sough After Area
Two Bathrooms	Awaiting EPC

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £410,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Garage
Four / Five Bedrooms	Part Exchange Considered
Well Presented	EPC C

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LICHFIELD, ARMADA CLOSE

- Modern detached family residence
- Four bedrooms, conservatory
- Guest W.C., utility
- Cul-se-Sac location

4 bed, 2 bath, C

Burntwood Office - £360,000

BURNTWOOD, PAVIORS ROAD

- Impressive detached house
- Highly sought after location
- Stunning surrounding views
- Driveway parking & garage

3 bed, 1 bath, D

Great Wyrley Office - £300,000

GREAT WYRLEY,JACOBS HALL LANE

- Extended detached residence
- Substantial overall plot
- Field views to the rear
- Rear access

3 bed, 1 bath, E

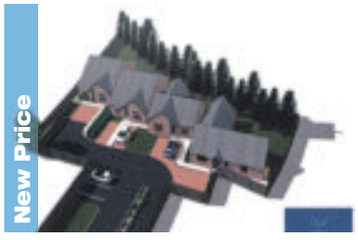
Burntwood Office - £280,000

BURNTWOOD, GARRICK RISE

- Detached family residence
- Through lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location

4 bed, 1 bath, D

Great Wyrley Office - please call



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- Four detached bungalows
- Currently under construction
- Set just off Watling Street
- £249,950 - £275,000

2 bed, 1 bath

Burntwood Office - £225,000

BURNTWOOD, NEW PLANT LANE

- Spacious semi-detached
- Lounge, guest W.C.
- Conservatory, garage
- Viewing highly recommended

4 bed, 2 bath, C

Great Wyrley Office - £217,500

GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- Immaculate 3 bed bungalow
- Modernised to a high standard
- Conservatory
- No upward chain

3 bed, 1 bath, D

Burntwood Office - £190,000

LICHFIELD, WATLING STREET

- Mid-terraced bungalow
- Village location of Wall
- Driveway parking
- No upward chain

2 bed, 1 bath, D

Burntwood Office - £160,000

BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Mid-terraced house
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Guest W.C., court yard
- Viewing highly recommended

2 bed, 1 bath, D

Great Wyrley Office - £135,000

CANNOCK, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Charming mid-terrace period property
- Well presented interiors
- Ideal FTB / investor purchase

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Great Wyrley Office - £99,950

BRIDGTOWN, UNION STREET

- End-terraced period property
- Ideal for FTB / investor
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- No onward chain

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WIMBLEBURY

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Levett Grange
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Burnthill Lane
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£245,000

Woodfield Drive
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom link detached bungalow / End of a quiet cul-de-sac / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge / Charming private rear garden / Garage and a driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£220,000

Littleworth Road
RAWNSLEY

Three bedroom link detached family home / Peaceful semi rural location with farmland to the rear / Driveway for up to six vehicles / Large south facing private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £210,000

The Lindens
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Offers in Excess of £185,000

Alpine Drive
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Dugdale Close
WIMBLEBURY

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£170,000

Bradbury Lane
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Offers in Excess of £170,000

Fieldhouse Road
HEDNESFORD

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge & sitting room / Conservatory overlooking charming landscaped rear garden / Superb hot tub room

£160,000

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD

Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and Sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

£150,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom traditional terraced house / Spacious lounge and open plan dining kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for three vehicles / Potential for a loft

£140,000

Brooklyn Road
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom semi detached house / Set down quiet cul-de-sac

£135,000

Whitby Way
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set on large corner plot / With front, rear & side gardens / Spacious lounge & kitchen-diner / Modern fitted shower room & driveway

Offers in Excess of £125,000

Knights Court, Bettys Lane
NORTON CANES

Well presented two bedroom semi detached mews / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Off road parking / Garden to front & side

£125,000

Stafford Street
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NO ONWARD CHAIN / Immaculately presented two bedroom terraced house / Tastefully brought up to modern standard whilst maintaining plenty of original charm

Offers in Excess of £120,000

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Modern style flat is nicely maintained

CANNOCK

£59,000

A modern-style ground floor one-bedroomed 100 per cent owned apartment in Woodford End, Cannock, has been improved by the current owners.

An ideal first time buy or investment property, it is now for sale through Marwood Homes at £59,000.

It briefly comprises a canopy porch and storage cupboard, an entrance hall, a lounge with dining provisions, a re-fitted kitchen, a double bedroom and a luxury shower room.

It is warmed by electric storage heaters and features recently re-fitted double glazing. Externally, the property benefits from communal parking. The apartment is part of a modern development with communal parking and decorative borders.

Call 01543 500700 for more infotmation.

Stunning home boasts a stylish new bathroom

CANNOCK

£245,000 <<<

A stunning two/three-bedroomed detached bungalow, 5 Field Street, Cannock, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners now at £245,000.

Sat back from the road, this modern property has accommodation briefly comprising an entrance hallway, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms with the third currently being used as a second living room.

There is also a newly fitted bathroom and a separate WC.

The conservatory spreads across the back of the home and is currently used as a living/dining room and has views out to the mature rear garden which has a garden shed, bar and two laid seating areas.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01543 469966.

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72 CANNOCK ROAD, CHASE TERRACE, BURNTWOOD, WS7 1JP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

LOT 3

- Semi detached house
- In need of refurbishment
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Garage
- Partial double glazing
- EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £75,000+

LOT 4

43 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, BURNTWOOD, WS7 3XE

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- End terraced shop with falt above
- In need of some repair and improvement
- Two car parking spaces
- Electrically rewired 2017
- Roof stripped and recovered
- Electric heating
- EPC Rating G (150)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 5

LAND REAR OF 77 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5QL

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Residential redevelopment site extending to 0.22 Ha or thereabouts
- Having O.P.P for the erection of 5 detached houses
- Planning application no: 15/0410 Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £340,000+

LOT 6

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Modern first floor flat
- Requiring some improvement
- Ideal buy to let
- Electric heating (not tested)
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

GUIDE PRICE £30,000+

Three-bedroom semi-detached can be sold as a rental

BURNTWOOD

£169,950

This semi-detached house, 6 Griffin Close, Burntwood, is currently tenanted at £650 per calender month, and can be sold with the client in situ or with vacant possession.

It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £169,950.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge with a dining area, a fitted kitchen, a ground floor cloakroom/WC, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a pleasant garden to both the front and rear of the property with a driveway and parking for two cars.

In an attractive modern design, this property is expected to appeal to first-time or second-time buyers, or those wishing to downsize. In more detail, the lounge is a good size and the kitchen has attractive modern cream units.

Call 01543 469966.

Kodiaq is well up to the challenge

By Carmel Stewart

The Kodiaq SUV has the task of breaking new ground in the ever-expanding, highly competitive SUV market as Skoda's first ever seven-seater. And it is well up to the challenge.

As we have come to expect from Skoda, it covers pretty well all bases when it comes to choice – five engines (three petrol; two diesel), five trims, 2WD, 4WD, manual or DSG automatic transmissions and five or seven seats. Those two additional seats are standard in SE L trim and above and can be folded down into the floor when not in use.

The long wheelbase and short overhangs of the Kodiaq allow for a reasonable amount of interior space and, although the middle row of seats can slide and fold, there is a high transmission tunnel which means piggy-in-the-middle will have to share foot space with those on either side.

In addition, the rear two seats are really only suitable for smaller members of the family, or for the school-run.

For a size comparison in the Skoda range, the Kodiaq is slightly longer than the Octavia, while in the SUV segment as a whole, it sits between the Hyundai Santa Fe and the Kia Sorento.

The most economical of the engines tested was the robust 150ps 2.0litre diesel linked to the seven-speed DSG transmission which clocked an official average of 56.5mpg. Average economy of the smaller 1.4litre 150ps petrol unit was a touch under 40mpg and offers a nimble, composed and enjoyable drive. Well matched to the six-speed DSG, it tackled the steepest of inclines with ease.

Ultra-modern connectivity is a high priority in the car

Two extra seats in SE L trim can be folded into the floor

The long wheelbase and short overhangs of the Kodiaq allow for a reasonable amount of interior space

Choice will come down to usage. For those who put in the miles and expect the Kodiaq to earn its keep, clearly the diesel will tick all the boxes.

For school runs and city centre commutes, the petrol will more than suffice.

Options well worth considering include the Drive Mode Select which allows the driver to adjust the engine management, gearing ratio and power steering input to suit varying road conditions.

Ultra-modern connectivity, while not on everyone's list, has been given a high priority in the Kodiaq, with the inclusion of the Skoda Connect online service which integrates all the traffic flow, Google Earth, fuel stops, parking info and the like, as well as an automatic emergency call in the event of an accident. In addition, a very useful app alerts the owner to any unauthorised movement of the car.

Fun stuff to look for as you check out the trim levels include umbrellas in the door panels, ice scraper on the fuel cap, foot-activated power tailgate and rechargeable torch.

The Kodiaq range has a starting price of £22,190 for the S trim, five-seat, 1.4 litre 125ps manual petrol rising to £36,135 for the top spec seven-seat Edition, powered by the 2.0 litre 190ps diesel, 4x4 with the DSG transmission.

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Fantastic Black Friday supersavings

Commercial feature

Black Friday, and the super savings that it offers to consumers, is becoming more and more popular in the UK. And for shoppers at Acorn Ford, Cannock Road, Burntwood, there are a whole host of savings on new Fords this weekend.

Ford has for years offered Black Friday savings in the US. But this festival of consumer savings is becoming well established here too.

Positive

"Acorn did some Black Friday offers last year," explains their sales director, Matthew Sparkes.

"We had a real positive feedback from our customers.

"So we decided to repeat it this year."

It means there are savings of thousands of pounds to be had across a range of Ford vehicles including the compact, stylish and lively Fiesta; the newly re-styled and sculptured Focus; the spacious and luxurious Mondeo; and the all-new Edge with its potent performance, cutting-edge styling and state-of-the-art technologies, which makes it the pinnacle of the Ford SUV range.

There are also some real one-off offers such as free MOTs for 10 years – imagine that, no MOT fee for a decade, a free service package and two free valet cleans.

These too work out to savings of hundreds of pounds.

If you aren't a Ford driver at the moment, then there is a real reason for you to take a look at these exceptional weekend offers.

There are great deals on the Ford Kuga

Sales director Matthew Sparkes

Acorn Ford is able to give drivers of other makes such as Vauxhalls, Volkswagens, Nissans and Audis additional discounts and enhanced deals on part-exchange.

Their finance is a low 0.9% and there are nil deposits.

Along with these sensational offers over the Black Friday weekend, Acorn Ford is still open for their first class repairs and servicing. Their specially trained technicians know a Ford car inside out and will soon get you back on the road.

Don't get confused though with the name Black Friday.

The one-day event is usually spread over the whole weekend, but with Acorn Ford they are going even further. All of their offers will run from today until 5pm on Monday, November 28.

"Although we are offering these special discounts right up until Monday 5pm, make sure you book an appointment early," advises Matthew.

"We're expecting a lot of interest."

With one-off deals and offers such as these, that is no understatement.

● Acorn Ford is in Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, Burntwood. WS7 1JS.

Tel: 01543 685 656.

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Acorn Kia's test-drive offer savings

Commercial feature

Acorn Kia is excited with the arrival of Black Friday. They are so keen to offer great savings to their customers that they are going to keep it going right through until Monday, 5pm.

To give you a taste of what you're getting, the folks at Acorn Kia want you to come in and test drive their cars.

If you then want to buy one of their new Kia models, you can save a fantastic £3,500 off the RRP when you take one for a test drive.

Confidence

Kia has won awards right across their range. And they are the only manufacturer to have the confidence in their products to offer a full 7-year warranty on all their new vehicles. Their rigorous testing means their cars are produced to the highest possible standards of reliability and durability. They know it and are willing to trust their judgement with the customer.

But what Acorn Kia has done with their Black Friday weekend deals is giving you an amazing range of extra incentives such as three years free servicing, free MOTs for 10 years, two free valet cleans, a free Diamond Protection Pack worth £299, no deposit required and 4.9% APR finance.

So, for example, you could soon be test driving the all-new Niro. This 5-seater, petrol hybrid, 2-wheel drive crossover car has a compact exterior with a roomy and refined interior.

It boasts 16-inch alloy wheels, dual automatic air conditioning, voice recognition

Kia's Stinger is one of the latest models available

Salesman Andy Hutchinson, sales director Matthew Sparkes, salesman Adrian Davis

Bluetooth, DAB radio and the Lane Keep Assist System, and of course, excellent fuel economy.

Or perhaps, the all-new Stonic, an impressively complete contender in the small, SUV segment. This is yet another of Kia's desirable cars with charisma and individuality that certainly stands out in this crowded market.

It has a range of lightweight, downsized, turbocharged petrol and diesel engines, each paired with a manual transmission. And inside it has an amazing array of driver assist technology and their very clever, Fusion Camera System. Ask to be shown it when you visit.

Kia was founded in 1944 in Korea. Over the years it has worked with many other auto-manufacturers in producing cars such as Ford, Honda, Mazda and Hyundai. But its reputation is growing fast in the UK, as is its range of cars on offer.

Acorn Kia is eager to talk to you if you are looking to part-exchange your existing Vauxhall, Skoda, Volkswagen, Nissan, Peugeot, Audi BMW or other makes.

They are offering extra discounts and enhanced deals.

Along with the special Black Friday weekend offers, Acorn Kia is still able to give you their second to none after sales service.

Their highly trained technicians have all the knowledge and latest equipment to overcome any problem you may have and get you up and running again.

It all begins at 9am today and runs through until Monday at 5pm.

A Black Friday weekend of great savings and offers that will keep everyone happy.

● Acorn Kia is in Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, Burntwood. WS7 1JS.

Tel: 01543 685 656.

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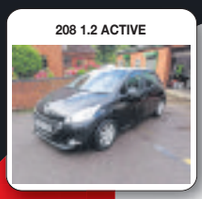
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Sporty CX-3 from Mazda also a practical family car

By John Griffiths

In a world which seems to have a surfeit of compact SUV-styled cars, daring to be different is the best way to survive.

It was inevitable, really, that with so many models to choose from someone would go further than pumping up a hatchback – and the honours fall to Mazda with the introduction of a GT Sport model as the new flagship of its CX-3 range. It adds sports trim and extra equipment to add further appeal to what is already one of best-handling cars in its class. And it comes with the most powerful engine options, too.

The result is the sort of taut, rewarding drive you'd expect from a hot hatchback combined with the practicality, raised seating and good visibility – the criteria which has inspired the British motorists' love affair with SUV looks, even though few go the whole hog and demand more expensive to run four wheel drive.

Limited

The demand for these cars continues to run well ahead of the market average, so Mazda's decision to produce a stand-out flagship model is a sound one even though numbers will be limited to 500.

The test car was a GT Sport powered by a 2.0 litre, 120Ps petrol engine driving the front wheels via a six-speed gearbox (there is an auto option).

While not the most powerful 2.0 litre around, it does have 204NM of torque and in a car this size that's plenty for lively, real world performance without getting noisy or feeling strained. The 0 to 62mph is a fraction in a brisk nine seconds.

That's balanced by official average fuel consumption of 47.9mpg and 137g.km of CO2.

Most drivers should be able to achieve something reasonably near that average: the test car return almost 40mpg on a 90-minute test run along mainly bendy country roads, with frequent gear changes, as I exploited its handling dynamics.

That's the CX-3's winning formula: it's not just a practical car it's a fun car, too, with quick, accurate steering, roll-free cornering and excellent roadholding. It's a ride deserving of the GT tag, while ironing out the bumps to cosset passengers.

The GT Sport offers a class-leading driving experience

Like all CX-3s, the GT now has Mazda's G-Vectoring Control, which optimses torque to each front wheel during cornering to produce a safer, more dynamic and more comfortable driving experience. The suspension and damping have also been tweaked. The electric power steering is nicely weighted to give driver feedback through the new steering wheel, with remote buttons for thumb/finger operation of functions from audio to cruise control.

Maxda is a driver-focussed brand, with its 'SKYACTIV' technology not only producing highly efficient engines but also extending to the body and chassis. It concentrates on producing a lighter but stronger structure, aiding fuel economy while contributing to its sharp handling.

Braking is effective, too, with ventilated discs all round.

The test car was priced at £22,895 and came with premium features such as heated nappa leather seats, and a sporty aerodynamic kit including modest bumoer extensions, front side and rear airdam skirts with subtle silver inserts, and a black roof spoiler.

It also comes with a premium Bose sound system, electric windows and mirrors, LED lights, automatic lights and wipers, climate control, cruise control and a central colour touchscreen to control audio, navigation and full connectivity functions It also came with a head-up display (showing speed and cirrent speed limit) which means the driver doesn't need to look away from the road, and a reversing camera.

It also distinguishes itself with larger (18-inch) tyres with lower profile tyres.

The CX-3s interior has gone up a grade across the road, with the flagship GT Sport representing the ultimate choice.

The ambience is complemented by a quiter ride, with strategic placing of extra soundproofing material and new engine mounts. Even the GT's low profile 215/50 tyres don't transmit their road noise to the cabin. Although classified as a 'compact' SUV, the CX-3's cabin is well designed for people, with head and legroom for five adults plus 350 litres of load space (1,260 litres with the rear seats folded).

The CX-3 range starts from £17,795, with diesel versions powered by a torquey 105PS unit capable of more than 70mpg. There are four wheel drive versions with either the diesel or 2.0, 50Ps petrol power plants.

The GT Sport offers a class-leading driving experience and with its added sporty looks will add to its appeal to the enthusiast. But it's excellent dynamics and roadholding also make it a relaxing experience too, as such abilities are a primary safety feature (on top of the standard fitments such as multiple airbags and electronic safety aids).

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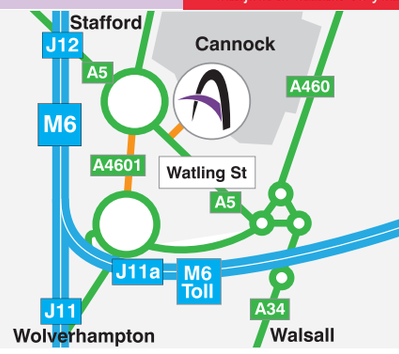

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SEAT's new Arona on sale

By James Parker

The Arona joins the growing compact crossover market, next to the likes of the new Volkswagen T-Roc and Kia Stonic.

The five-seater baby SUV is based on the same MQB A0 platform as the latest Ibiza supermini, and shares much of its styling with the larger Ateca SUV. Prices start at £16,555.

Customers have a choice of six trim levels – SE, SE Technology, FR, FR Sport, Xcellence and Xcellence Lux – as well as two limited-run specifications from launch. These are SE Technology First Edition and Xcellence First Edition.

The Arona SE is the entry-level model, and comes with standard equipment such as 17-inch alloys, a bi-colour roof, LED daytime running lights and a DAB radio to name but a few features.

SE Technology builds on this by adding Seat's Connectivity Pack Plus, which includes an eight-inch touchscreen with satellite navigation, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Prices start at £17,330.

The FR and FR Sport models lend the Arona a more performance-orientated appearance. FR cars gain a different style of 17-inch alloy, twin tailpipes, full LED headlights and sports front seats among other features. The Arona FR Sport benefits from 18-inch alloys, dynamic chassis control and black Alcantara upholstery.

Styling is shared with the larger Ateca SUV

The Arona is priced competitively

There are six trims – SE, SE Technology, FR, FR Sport, Xcellence and Xcellence Lux

The FR and FR Sport cost from £19,680 and £20,450 respectively.

Xcellence and Xcellence Lux trim levels focus more on convenience and sophistication than their sporty FR counterparts. Xcellence models gain keyless entry and start, blind spot detection and rear cross traffic alert. Aronas in Xcellence Lux specification add 18-inch alloys, Alcantara upholstery, front parking sensors, a rear parking camera and park assist. Prices for the Xcellence and Xcellence Lux models start at £20,825 and £21,880 respectively.

Limited-run SE Technology First Edition and Xcellence First Edition models are also available at launch. The former costs from £18,730, and includes features such as heated front seats, dual-zone climate control and adaptive cruise control. Xcellence First Edition cars cost from £22,020 and add a Beats sound system, rear parking camera and heated seats among other features.

The Arona is priced competitively against the likes of the Volkswagen T-Roc, which starts at £20,425, while Kia's new Stonic only just undercuts it at £16,295.

The compact crossover is available with a selection of petrol and diesel engines, with power ranging from 94bhp to 148bhp.

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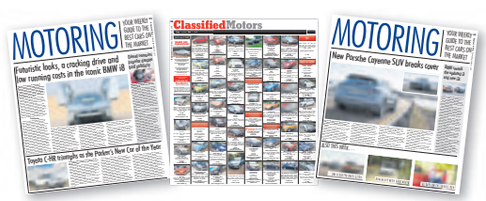

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Love you always.
Cyril.
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Mom

Mom, we think of you in silence and often speak your name.
We know you will walk beside us, until we meet again.
Love you always.
Pauline and Maureen.
X X

Sister

Dear Sister, sadly missed.
Time slips by and time goes on, but from my heart you're never gone.
Brother Rob
X

Nan

Words are few, thoughts are deep.
Memories of you we will always keep.
Love you Nan.
Tracy, Tasha, Rico, Amy and Zac.
X X X

FARRIER

William

Sadly passed away on November 8, 2017, aged 79 years.

William was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

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Francis Harley

We are very sad to announce the death of Francis Harley Tavernor, aged 81 years.

He was much loved and will be greatly missed by his Family and Friends.

The Funeral took place on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Stafford Crematorium and was attended by close Family and Friends.

Donations would be appreciated to Katherine House Hospice or St. Giles Hospice, who provided such excellent care for Harley at home.

WILLIAMS

Doreen

Promoted to Glory from Milton Keynes University Hospital on November 7, 2017, aged 93.

You will always be loved and never forgotten.

Your loving Son and Daughter-in-law Bram and Irene, Grandchildren Paul, Sarah and Dawn, Great -Granddaugther Anna.

Servant of God, well done; Rest from the loved employ, the battle fought, the victory won, enter thy masters joy.

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Vera

Treasured memories of my Sister Vera, passed away November 29, 2016.

Your parting was too soon Vee, you never said good - bye.

A piece of me went with you, when you spread your wings to fly.

If memories keep us together, then we are never far apart.

Loving Sister Anne
X

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Vera

Aunty

To a very loving Aunty Vera, passed away November 29, 2016.

We thought of you today but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday and the day before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.

All we have are our memories and a picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keep sake from which we'll never part.

God has you in His arms,

We have you in our hearts.

Will always be remembered.

Pauline and Albert.
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Vera

Auntie

Precious memories treasured forever.

Will always be remembered.

Love Shuan, Brian and Adrian.

EVANS

Vera

Aunty

Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and treasure them all.

A thought, a prayer are all we can give, these you will have as long as we live.

Will always be remembered.

David, Wendy, Alison, Ian and Andrew.

HADDAWAY

Loz

One year, November 17.

We are sending a dove to Heaven with a parcel on it's back, be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs, to say how much we miss you and send you all our love.

We hold you close in our hearts and there you will remain, to walk with us throughout our lives, till we meet again.

Love from Sue, Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grandchildren.

MORRIS

Joanne

20.07.1964 - 28.11. 2008.

If we could have a lifetime wish and one dream that could come true, we would pray to God with all our hearts just to see and speak to you.

A thousand words won't bring you back, we know because we've tried and neither will a million tears, we know because we've cried.

You've left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too, but we've never wanted memories, we only wanted you.

Miss you so much.

All our love,

Thai, Mom, Dad Lesley and Jordan.

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Birthday Remembrances

GROCOTT

Edna Mary

November 25.

Memories are all we can give, those you shall have as long as we live.

God bless.

Daughter Christine, Geoff and Grandson Kristian, Eve and Great-Granddaughters.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 4pm every Friday, for the following weeks edition.

This is subject to change Bank Holidays.

Eg (4pm Thursday)

Cannock Reception will be closing at 4.30pm on a Friday.

Classified Ads

Buy Local, **Sell** Local

1 Family

Elderly & Disabled

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£5
★ 07890 267041 ★

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Guns & Dogs

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5 Business & Farming

Business Opportunities

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering into any obligations.

6 Property

Properties Wanted

7 Jobs

Building & Construction

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The post holder will be required to:

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Experience in care is required with a caring and compassionate attitude being an absolute necessity.

For further details please call **Beverley Rouse** on Tel: **07736 383 160** or
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Why not drop in to:

Stafford Central Clinic, Floor 2, Civic Centre, Stafford ST16 3AQ on **Wednesday 29th November 2017, 10:00am until 4:00pm**

You will be able to meet members of the team and if applicable book a slot for your interview.

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NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership

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Must be capable of telling stories, providing answers to children's questions (sometimes awkward), and be prepared to entertain. In addition, you must be comfortable with frequent photos.

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Apply to team@lowerdraytonfarm.co.uk or ring 01785 330 757 for more information.
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We provide residential care, supported living and domiciliary care for people who present with challenging behaviour patterns.

Our services based in the West Midlands area have the following vacancies at our residential and supported living homes based in the Wolverhampton, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Dudley and Coventry areas.

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Dated: November 23, 2017

PATRICIA SHERWOOD BARRELL
(Deceased)

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Ansons Solicitors,
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Ref: RMT.NAD002/001

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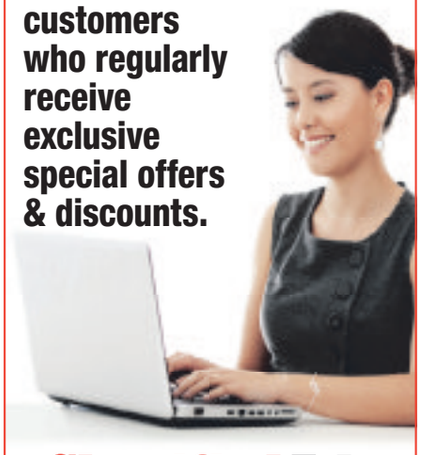

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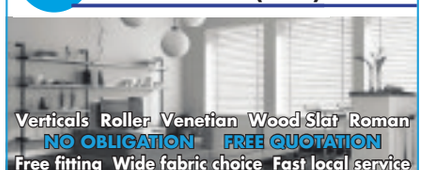

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BOXING fans can enjoy a knockout night as Tyson Fury makes his debut appearance in Wolverhampton for an audience with fans.

The 'Turkey & Tinsel with Tyson' takes place on December 13 at the Ramada Park Hall Hotel.The former unified heavyweight champion of the world will share his personal story – live and unscripted on stage, interviewed by Gareth A Davis.

He will answer questions from the audience, with the festive evening also featuring a mix of top entertainment, red carpet drinks reception, memorabilia auction and Christmas meal.

Tickets start at £55, rising to £85 for a silver package and £150 for gold, which includes a picture with Fury. For the full VIP experience at £200 guests can also enjoy a VIP meet and greet, a prime table location and a signed glove.

Fundraising will be in aid of Foundation DB set up by Wolves captain Danny Batth. Tickets are being sold at www.tysonfury.eventbrite.co.uk

Pitching in for work on new 3G surface

A NEW 3G pitch is to be launched at Dudley's Dell Stadium. The modern playing surface will replace the existing 18-year-old artificial grass pitch.

The work, part of Dudley council's playing pitch strategy, began on Monday and should take around 12 weeks to complete. The project was developed in partnership with Sport England and the Football Association.

The £660,000 cost will be made up of £550,000 funding through The FA, The Football Foundation and £110,000 from Dudley Council.

Existing users of the facility have been temporarily relocated to other sites in the borough and the Saturday morning ParkRun has been suspended for the duration of the works.

This investment is in addition to the council's commitment to invest £22m in the wider leisure service which includes plans for a new leisure centre in Dudley, as well as refurbishing and modernising the existing leisure centres in Halesowen and Stourbridge. Booking enquires should be made to Steve Gay, area manager, at steve.gay@dudley.gov.uk

Greats turn out for former team-mate

MIDLAND footballing greats came together to help raise funds for former Albion and Villa goalkeeper Derek Dudley, who is suffering from a terminal illness. The 47-year-old contracted a serious liver condition and it was his final wish to bring former friends from the footballing world together for a final game. It was staged on Sunday at Sutton Coldfield Town FC's home ground where a number of former players were watched by a large crowd.

Dudley, who spent four years at Villa, lives in Rugeley with his wife Helen and children Daniel, 13, and Elizabeth, 11.

His bucket list includes having a nice meal with his children and getting the 'lads' together for one last game.

He was joined by members of Villa's 1982 European Cup winning side including Peter Withe, Tony Morley and Gordon Cowans as well former Baggies team-mates including Daryl Burgess and Darren Bradley

When his football career ended, Derek became a teacher, including a spell at The Brades Lodge school in Tividale.

Ex-Walsall boss Chris tells of memory fears

A picture captures the impact as Jeff Astle heads the ball

Chris in his later years, still a favourite with the crowds at the Saddlers

FORMER Walsall manager and Villa captain Chris Nicholl has said he no longer remembers where he lives – due to brain damage caused by years of heading footballs.

The 71-year-old, who still lives in the West Midlands, has said his condition is continuing to get worse. The Northern Ireland international won two League Cups with Villa in the 1970s, famously netting a long-range stunner in the 1977 final against Everton.

After he retired from playing, Nicholl led Walsall to promotion from Division Three in 1995 during a three-year stint as manager.

He spoke to former England striker Alan Shearer as part of a BBC documentary investigating links between dementia and heading footballs.

Nicholl said: "I am brain-damaged from heading footballs. My memory is in trouble. Everyone forgets regular things, where your keys are.

"But when you forget where you live, that's different. I've had that for the last four or five years, it is definitely getting worse. It bothers me."

Degenerative

Nicholl is among a string of former pros – including Albion legend Jeff Astle – to have been struck down after their playing days have ended.

Astle died in 2002 aged just 59 from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative brain disease caused by heading. His family have been campaigning for years to get the Football Association and FIFA to conduct research into heading.

Shearer, who made his top-flight debut as a teenager under Nicholl at Southampton, said: "It was tough to see the way Chris is now, because he gave me my debut.

"He had me heading 100 or 150 balls a day to improve, but he did it for the right reasons."

Shearer, 47, had scans and tests to examine how heading the ball affected him, amid fears he has sustained long-term damage.

The results were revealed on the show, Alan Shearer, Dementia, Football and Me, which was first shown on BBC1 on Sunday, November 12 at 10.30pm and is available on the BBC iplayer. The Match of the Day pundit said: "Nowhere near enough research has been done. The authorities have been very reluctant to find out any answers. They have swept it under the carpet, which is not good enough."

Alan Shearer, who fears he may be susceptible to dementia after heading the ball throughout his football career

SPORTING FEATURE

By David Cosgrove

Experts suspected heading footballs may cause brain damage and dementia for decades but a firm link was not made until the inquest into Astle's death.

A coroner found he died from a form of dementia called CTE, known as boxer's brain, caused by heading footballs.

In the 15 years since, neither the Football Association nor international body FIFA have funded any meaningful research into the dangers of heading footballs. FA medical director Charlotte Cowie said the FA were looking to study former professional footballers to get results as quickly as possible."

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Former Saddlers boss in memory loss fears

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Glover hands late victory to the Pitmen

Hednesford 2 Stalybridge Celtic 1

THE Pitmen brushed off their midweek FA Trophy defeat to Cleethorpes town to bounce back to winning ways in the Evo-Stik Premier.

The breakthrough came in the 11th minute when James Fitzgibbon went round Joe Slinn in the Stalybridge goal and rolled his shot into the net.

Stalybridge's best chance of the half came from a corner, initially palmed away at the near post by James Wren, only for the ball to be driven back in and strike the upright.

Joey Butlin worked tirelessly to hold up play and distribute the ball when the Pitmen gained possession.

However, a promising run from Jordan Graham ended when he lost control of the ball, allowing Stalybridge to break at speed. Oliver Roberts found himself in yards of space and fired past Wren from the left side of the area.

Hednesford almost regained the lead immediately but saw a series of shots blocked at close range by the Stalybridge defence.

In the final 20 minutes, the game really opened up, with chances coming and going at both ends. And in the dying moments, Danny Glover made a decisive run from the centre of the park, before striking home a ferocious long-range effort to claim the three points for the Pitmen.

The Pitmen take on Newcastle Town in the League Cup second round next Tuesday and entertain Farsley Celtic on December 2.

Scholars stave off home fightback to take the points

Peterborough Sports 2 Chasetown 3

CHASETOWN survived a late fightback to record a crucial three points in Evo-Stik One South.

Curtis Pond made two saves to keep it goalless before the Scholars deservedly took the lead in the 22nd minute. Jake Lovatt's first effort was saved by Dan George, but from a tight angle he fired into the back of the net.

The lead was doubled after 55 minutes when Danny Cocks was brought down and Jack Langston scored from the spot.

The advantage was extended even further 10 minutes later as Ryan Wynter set up Lovatt to clinically fire beyond George for his second.

Sports scored a controversial goal to reduce the deficit. The referee overruled his assistant, who was flagging for offside, to award a Mark Jones effort from close range. Peterborough pulled another one back when the ball found its way to Avelino Vieira, who gave the hosts some hope from close range.

Scholars were at home on Tuesday against Leek and entertain Bedworth on Saturday.

Little belters fight for world title

Adam Shaw, Matt Broadhead Finley Lewis and Deradie Harding

A BURNTWOOD karate quartet is belting up for a chance to represent England in a world championships.

Adam Shaw, Matt Broadhead, Finlay Lewis and Deradie Harding, fly out to Italy next week for the six-day United World Karate championships. All black belts, they train with EWSKA Chasetown.

Broadhead, aged 25, is defending his individual +85kg Kumite world title as well as the team kumite that England won last year. He started training at the age of six.

Shaw, 18, was junior EWSKA UK champion and will be competing in the under-21 years heavyweight kumite – his second world championships. He took up the martial art at the age of five.

Lewis, 14, will compete in his second worlds in the under-14 years category. In the past he has won British Open Junior Championship and won a bronze medal in last week's European UWK.

Harding, aged 47, will be in the ladies' veterans. Since taking up the sport 10 years ago – after seeing her sons enjoy it – she has struck gold at many competitions and was this year's EWSKA Student of the year.

The quartet are looking for sponsorship. Anyone interested call Julie 07794 010839. For training details call 07393 0400243 or 07969 833592.

RIDER THUNDERS TO TITLE VICTORY

HAVING dominated the Darley Moor championships – retaining two titles and setting numerous lap records – Lloyd Shelley then added a Thundersport GB title to the list.

The Burntwood rider entered the ultra-competitive Thundersport series for the first time this year, on his Triumph 675 in the Sportsman Elite class.

A crash in the previous round left him trailing Bobby Varey by 27 points with only 75 remaining – but with double points on offer at Donington.

Said Shelley: "We knew we needed a miracle to come away with another championship but the Saturday's qualifying went well and we found ourselves fifth on the grid."

Shelley ended up finishing eighth, and second in class.

"More importantly, our main rival had failed to finish the race, so we now headed into Sunday's races only seven points adrift," he added.

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Disaster struck when Shelley suffered a high-speed crash on the back straight, leaving rider and bike needing repairs. The dream appeared over when Varey finished fourth to lead by 18 points going into the final race on October 22.

"Even if he didn't finish we could only win the championship with a first or second place," said Shelley.

"So the race comes and I find myself beat up on the grid on my Triumph. The light drops and within a couple of laps I'm settled into fifth place overall and leading the sportsman class."

Then, Varey crashed out while in front, with Shelley adding: "The next six laps were to be the hardest of the season. Anything other than a top two finish would end my championship hopes. Ashley Millburn passed me but I knew second was good enough for the overall win.

"After retaining the Formula 600 and Sound of Thunder titles at Darley Moor, and finishing fourth overall in the Stars of Darley races, I didn't think the season could get any better."

Shelley admitted the entire season had been 'a real challenge' with a crash in the first Thundersport race setting the tone for the season.

But despite crashing at six of the nine rounds, the relentless work and commitment of the rider and the team ensured he would end the campaign with three titles over two championships.

He has now set his sights on taking on the bigger 1000cc machines in the Peak Cup at Darley next year, as well as defending his Formula 600 title. He will also be entering the Elite 600 class in the Thundersport GB.

Depending on funding and sponsorship, an appearance in the British Superbikes could be on the cards in the supersport class. To help, call 07984 154161 or email l.shelley@hotmail.co.uk

Shelley claimed the Sportsman Elite class title
Picture: Tony Tyler

Lloyd Shelley, left, has received the Formula 600 trophy

Firsts lose their perfect home record

Cannock M1s 0 Bowdon 1

CANNOCK Men's 1st team lost their 100 per cent home record with a second-half Bowdon strike the difference.

Cannock M2s 6 Olton 5

Cannock M3s 5 Loughborough 0

JAMES Griffiths broke the deadlock, Lewis Michael made it two and Ed Martin the third. Michael and Griffiths added their seconds to complete the scoring.

Cannock M4s 4 Barford M4s 6

Cannock M5s 2 Birdgnorth 1

DOWN to 10 men and a goal behind, Johnny Machin equalised and Cannock scored the winner from a short corner.

Cannock L1s 1 Isca 4

AT 3-0 down, Jodie Beddow pulled a goal back for Cannock, but Isca responded with a fourth goal.

Matlock 1 Cannock L2s 1

BOTH sides are level on points at the bottom of the league but could not be separated here. Nic George scored.

Cannock L3s 4 WATS 0

CANNOCK were pleased to be back on home turf and powered into a two-goal lead. Bev Cartlidge converted a penalty flick and Lucy Black rounded it off.

Cannock L4s 1 WATS 3

CANNOCK 4ths faced a tough task against a side that had previously won six of their eight games.

Cannock L5s 2 Bloxwich 1

DESPITE the result, Cannock can be commended for their effort.

● Thanks to the men's 5th team for organising and hosting a quiz. Another will be held towards the season's end.

Wood in five-star show against Hayes

Heath Hayes 2 Walsall Wood 5

HAYES' young side gave their all against the new league leaders in this well-attended derby.

Paul Sullivan stabbed home from close range and by half-time it was 3-0 thanks to Andy Westwood and Sam Agar.

On 67 minutes Westwood got his second, before 10 minutes later, Jake Humphries pulled a goal back.

Agar notched his second with three minutes remaining before Regan Smith pulled another back.

On Tuesday Hayes were at home to Alvechurch in the cup, followed by second in the table Studley on Saturday.

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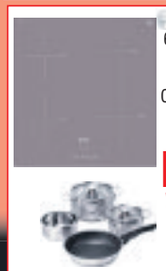

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